
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITION FOR PERMIT 12947A (APPLICATION 12919A) OF SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

On January 13, 2021, Sonoma County Water Agency (Petitioner) filed a temporary urgency change petition (TUCP) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) requesting approval of temporary change to water right Permit 12947A (Application 12919A) pursuant to California Water Code section 1435. The TUCP requests implementation of a hydrologic index based on Lake Mendocino storage values starting January 28, 2021.

This hydrologic index is requested in lieu of the current hydrologic index, which is based on cumulative Lake Pillsbury inflow, to define the water supply conditions that determine which minimum instream flow requirements in Term 20 of Permit 12947A will apply to the upper Russian River (from its confluence with the East Fork of the Russian River to its confluence with Dry Creek). Specifically, Petitioner proposes that the monthly storage values listed below be used to determine the water supply conditions for basis of the minimum instream flow requirements in the upper Russian River:

a. Dry water supply conditions will exist when storage in Lake Mendocino is less than:

- 40,000 acre-feet as of January 1
- 59,000 acre-feet as of February 1
- 68,000 acre-feet as of March 1
- 69,500 acre-feet as of March 16
- 71,000 acre-feet as of April 1
- 70,000 acre-feet as of April 16
- 69,000 acre-feet as of May 1
- 67,500 acre-feet as of May 16
- 65,000 acre-feet as of June 1

b. Critical water supply conditions exist when storage in Lake Mendocino is less than:

- 31,000 acre-feet as of January 1
- 36,000 acre-feet as of February 1
- 52,000 acre-feet as of March 1
- 53,000 acre-feet as of March 16
- 54,000 acre-feet as of April 1
- 53,000 acre-feet as of April 16
- 52,000 acre-feet as of May 1
- 51,000 acre-feet as of May 16
- 50,000 acre-feet as of June 1

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c. *Normal water supply conditions exist in the absence of defined Dry or Critical water supply conditions.*

More information regarding the [temporary urgency change petition](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml) is available at:
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Pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (d), any interested person may file an objection to the temporary change. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below by 4:30 p.m. on **February 18, 2021**. All objections submitted on the TUCP during the noticing period will be considered by the State Water Board. Please be advised the State Water Board may issue an order approving or denying the temporary urgency change petition before the end of the noticing period. All objections received will be considered promptly, and an amended order may be issued if necessary to address objections.

State Water Board Contact	Petitioner Contact
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To request a copy of the TUCP or for more information regarding this matter please contact Jane Ling at jane.ling@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Jane Ling, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

DATE OF NOTICE: **January 19, 2021**