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**Subject: FEBRUARY 22 WEEKLY UPDATE ON CURTAILMENT STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS AND CLAIMS IN THE DELTA WATERSHED – CHANGES TO CURTAILMENTS ON SOME TRIBUTARIES**

**This email contains important information about the curtailment status of water rights and claims of right within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) watershed** pursuant to orders that were issued on August 20, 2021 ([Order for water rights/claims under 5,000 acre-feet](#) and [Order for water rights/claims over 5,000 acre-feet](#)).

Based on recent water supply forecasts, **curtailment statuses have been updated to temporarily suspend or reimpose curtailments in some subwatersheds starting Wednesday February 23, 2022.** Water supply forecasts will continue to be evaluated regularly to determine if, when, and to what extent the further re-imposition or suspension of curtailments may be appropriate, and the next curtailment status update will be provided by email and web posting no later than March 1, 2022. Please check the [Delta Watershed Curtailment Status List](#) for the current curtailment status of each water right and claim in the Delta watershed.

The following priorities of right are **curtailed effective tomorrow, February 23, 2022**, unless and until the State Water Board advises that this determination has been updated:

1. Water rights and claims on the following Sacramento River tributaries:
  - a. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Stony Creek subwatershed with a priority date of 1916 or later; and
  - b. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Putah Creek subwatershed outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1945 or later.
2. Water rights and claims on the following San Joaquin River tributaries:
  - a. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the Fresno River subwatershed with a priority date of 1914 or later; and
  - b. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Chowchilla River subwatershed with a priority date of 1923 or later.

While precipitation forecasted in areas of the Delta watershed in the next seven days has resulted in the temporary suspension of some curtailments, a historically warm and dry February has resulted in the re-imposition of curtailments in other areas. Today's curtailment updates are based on water supply forecasts from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) that were updated on February 22, as well as forecasts from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) updated on February 17. The 50% exceedance water supply forecast was selected to determine curtailments at this time due to precipitation events forecasted in the next seven days. Curtailment statuses will be reassessed next week (or earlier if appropriate) based on daily water supply observations and updated forecasts. Demand data informing curtailments continue to be based on reported diversions from 2018.

Water right holders and claimants are responsible for monitoring their curtailment status online on the [Delta Watershed Curtailment Status List](#). Notice of changes to curtailment status will not be mailed. For those with limited internet access, a pre-recorded curtailment summary can be heard on the Delta Curtailment Status phone line at (916) 323-4643.

The determination of water unavailability used to inform curtailments is based on the [Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed](#). The data used to support curtailments and other relevant information is available on the State Water Board's [FTP site](#). To access the documents posted on the FTP site, please email [Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov) to obtain login credentials.

For more information about drought in the Delta watershed, please visit the [Delta Drought webpage](#). For more information about curtailment compliance and responses to the August 20 Orders, please visit the [Curtailment Compliance and Responses webpage](#). The Curtailment Compliance and Responses tracker is updated regularly and can be filtered to see the latest changes. If you have any questions, you may send an email to [Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov) or call the Delta Drought phone line at (916) 319-0960.