
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING EMERGENCY REGULATION EFFORTS IN THE SCOTT RIVER AND SHASTA RIVER WATERSHEDS

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold a workshop to facilitate the exchange of information and foster greater understanding on specific topics that can be used to inform the State Water Board's adoption of an emergency regulation for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

During the workshop, State Water Board staff will provide an opportunity to discuss information on specific elements of the emergency regulation that the State Water Board adopted for the Scott River and Shasta River in 2021 and 2022. Parties are being invited to present information and answer questions on the following topics: baseline minimum flows for fisheries, the state of the fisheries in these watersheds, local cooperative solutions, and data.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

This workshop will focus on technical items related to the recently adopted emergency regulation for the Scott River and Shasta River watershed: minimum flows, the state of the fisheries, data, and local cooperative solutions. The input staff receive will help to inform the timing and content of a future emergency regulation. This workshop will not cover legal authorities associated with the emergency regulation. This event is being structured as a staff workshop, and while a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, no State Water Board action will be taken. Details of the workshop are as follows:

Friday, October 6, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (target end time)
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA

Remote and in-person participation options available.

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

While the primary focus of this staff workshop is to hear from experts about the specific items related to recent emergency regulation efforts (i.e., minimum flows, state of the fisheries, local cooperative solutions, and data), there will be an opportunity for members of the public to provide comments.

PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT PLAN TO COMMENT

If you do not wish to provide comments you can view the webcast at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available). You can access the live workshop by clicking on the video icon under the corresponding date and event. This option should be used for viewing the workshop UNLESS you intend to provide oral comments during the workshop. Please note that the link to the webcast will be available approximately five minutes before the workshop begins.

PARTICIPANTS WHO PLAN TO COMMENT

If you wish to make oral comments during the workshop you must fill out a speaker card using the [online form](#) provided for this workshop. If attending in person, you may fill out a speaker card at the workshop. Workshop participants should submit their online forms as soon as possible in advance of the workshop. However, participants who determine they would like to provide oral comments the day of the workshop may submit a form to speak at that time. Staff will respond to your form with the information needed to join the workshop via the Zoom online platform if you indicate you plan to participate virtually. To accommodate all participants, comments may be limited to 3-5 minutes per speaker. Comments during the workshop should be limited to technical or factual matters related to the topics of the workshop. If you have questions regarding the online form or how to participate in the workshop, please send an email to: ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov.

AGENDA

An agenda will be made available in advance of the workshop on the [Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Drought Response website](#). The workshop will be recorded and transcribed. The recording will be available online (please refer to the Additional Information section below).

BACKGROUND

The Scott River and Shasta River are important tributaries to the Klamath River, the second largest river in California. These rivers are crucial sources of water for Siskiyou County and have immense economic, ecological, and cultural importance. The Scott River and Shasta River watersheds provide water for agriculture, domestic users, the environment, fire protection, municipalities, Tribal Nations, and recreation. In 2021 and 2022, the State Water Board adopted an emergency regulation establishing minimum flows for the protection of the state- and federally-listed threatened coho salmon, fall-run Chinook salmon, and steelhead. The regulation includes other provisions, including exceptions for diversions for minimum human health and safety and livestock needs, and information order authority. The regulation expired on August 1, 2023 and the Board is initiating a process to again adopt an emergency regulation establishing minimum flows and similar provisions for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information regarding the emergency regulation effort related to the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, please visit the State Water Board's [Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Drought Response website](#)¹.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/


HOW TO RECEIVE UPDATES

If you would like to receive email updates related to emergency regulation efforts for the Shasta River and Scott River watersheds, please [sign up²](#) under “State Water Resources Control Board” and “Water Rights” for the “Scott-Shasta Drought” email subscription list.

QUESTIONS

Please email questions regarding this notice and related efforts to: ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov or leave a message at our dedicated Scott River and Shasta River Drought phone line at: (916) 327-3113.

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Date



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² https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/