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## State Water Resources Control Board

June 5, 2026

### DELIVERY VIA GENERAL LOGISTICS SYSTEMS (GLS)

<<PRIMARY OWNER>>  
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### ORDER IMPOSING WATER RIGHT CURTAILMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED (ORDER WR 2026-0005-DWR)

Our records indicate that you did not receive [Order WR 2024-0024-DWR](#)<sup>1</sup> or did not receive it for all applicable water rights. Order WR 2024-0024-DWR was issued imposing water right curtailment and requiring reporting for surface water rights in the Scott River watershed on July 23, 2024. That order is still in effect, and curtailments have been reinstated for the 2026 irrigation season under Addenda [9](#)<sup>2</sup>, [10](#)<sup>3</sup>, and [11](#)<sup>4</sup>. This letter and the enclosed Order are being sent for additional water rights that should have been curtailed under Order WR 2024-0024-DWR, but were not due to reporting errors, administrative errors, or changes in the water rights. This letter and the enclosed Order contain important information regarding the curtailment of the water right(s) listed in Attachment A (at the end of the Order), that are owned by «Primary\_Owner» or their successor in interest. This letter also describes the Order's reporting requirements. **You are required to report your response to this Order by July 6, 2026.**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-9a.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-9a.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-10-attachmenta.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-10-attachmenta.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/scott-addendum11-attachmenta.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/scott-addendum11-attachmenta.pdf)

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The current emergency regulation (Emergency Regulation) went into effect on February 1, 2024, and was readopted on January 27, 2025. The [Regulation](#) is available online<sup>5</sup>. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 263](#),<sup>6</sup> passed on September 26, 2025, extends the effective period of the Emergency Regulation until January 1, 2031, or until permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flow requirements in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds are adopted, whichever occurs first (Wat. Code § 1058.5(c)). is available online<sup>7</sup>. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 263](#),<sup>8</sup> passed on September 26, 2025, extends the effective period of the Emergency Regulation until January 1, 2031, or until permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flow requirements in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds are adopted, whichever occurs first (Wat. Code § 1058.5(c)).

The Emergency Regulation establishes minimum flow requirements at the [United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) Fort Jones gage](#)<sup>9</sup> for the Scott River watershed and requires curtailment of diversions, when necessary, to meet those flows. The regulation sets forth the order of curtailment into nine priority groups, with Group 1 being lowest priority and Group 9 being the highest priority.

Flows at the Fort Jones USGS gage dropped below the minimum flow requirement on May 21, 2026. The State Water Board reinstated curtailments for all surface water rights (Groups 1-8) in the Scott River watershed on May 21, 2026 (Addendum 9). On May 23, 2026, flows began to rebound and increased above the minimum flow requirement. On May 25, 2026, curtailments were conditionally suspended for Group 8 surface water rights (Addendum 10). Flows continued to increase following precipitation in the watershed and Addendum 11 was issued on May 27, 2026, conditionally suspending curtailments when both the priority group's conditions are met and flows exceed the minimum flow requirement. Addendum 11 remains in effect unless modified or replaced by a subsequent addendum.

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<sup>7</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-2024.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-2024.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB263](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB263)

<sup>9</sup> <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-11519500/#period=P7D&dataTypeId=continuous-00065-0&showFieldMeasurements=true>

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On June 3, 2026, the Board issued a notice reminding surface water diverters in the Scott River watershed of the terms of Addendum 11 and noting that flows were less than the flow requirement (i.e., 124 cubic feet per second (cfs) as of 12:30 PM on June 3, 2026) and all surface water diversions should have ceased. With higher-than-average temperatures forecasted, no remaining snowpack, and limited and uncertain forecasted precipitation for the watershed, without curtailment, flows are anticipated to continue an overall decline and remain below the minimum flow requirement through most of the summer.

The enclosed Order establishes and details the following requirements:

- Required reporting noting receipt of and compliance with the attached Order (Curtailment Certification);
- Conditionally curtails all surface water diversions in the Scott River watershed; and
- Describes exceptions to curtailments and the reporting (certifications or petitions) that must be completed for limited uses (i.e., minimum human health and safety, including for firefighting needs), livestock needs, and non-consumptive instream uses).

**You or your agent of record is responsible for immediately notifying all parties that divert water under the rights identified in Attachment A of the enclosed Order and its requirements.**

Many people throughout the watershed have taken steps to reduce water use during the past years. Many surface water diverters may already be curtailed. **Even if you are currently not diverting water, you must respond to this Order.**

### **Curtailment of Water Rights in Scott River Watershed**

The State Water Board is requiring certain water right holders in the Scott River watershed to cease diversions under their water rights until water supply conditions improve in the watershed unless the conditions, as summarized below from Addendum 11, are met. All diversion must cease immediately in accordance with the provisions below or if the State Water Board so orders, and may not resume unless the specified conditions are met or notification of the ability to divert from the State Water Board.

**For Priority Group 8**, there may be no diversion if the flows at the Fort Jones USGS gage approach the minimum flow requirement (currently 125 cfs for June 1-23). There is no notification or approval requirement.

**For Priority Group 7**, Diverters must:

- Notify the State Water Board by email before diverting ([ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov));

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- Check the Fort Jones USGS gage flows prior to diversion and every 12 hours during diversion; and
- Stop diverting when the flows at the Fort Jones USGS gage approach, meet, or fall below the minimum flow requirement (currently 125 cfs for June 1-23).

**For Priority Groups 1 – 6:** Diverters must check flows prior to diversion and every 12 hours during diversion. Other requirements for these groups of lower-priority water rights depend on the flows.

- If flows are greater than 175 cfs and rising at the Fort Jones USGS gage during June, diversion is allowed **after notifying** the State Water Board of the amount of water that will be diverted via email to: [ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov).
- If flows are between 125 and 175 cfs from June 1-23, diversion is allowed **only after requesting and receiving approval** from the State Water Board to divert a specific amount of water.
- Between June 1-23 all diversion must cease when flows at the Fort Jones USGS gage approach or falls below 125 cfs.

The Emergency Regulation follows the water right priorities in the Scott River, French Creek, Shackelford Creek, and Shasta River adjudications, and adds in rights that are not addressed under those adjudications (e.g., post-adjudication rights, some groundwater rights). The regulation does not change the adjudications or affect the authority of the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District to implement the adjudications, or of the Siskiyou County Superior Court to administer or otherwise retain and exercise jurisdiction over the adjudications. Section 875.5(a) of the regulation describes the order of priority for curtailments in the Scott River watershed.

The State Water Board will provide all future updates to curtailments (when suspended, reinstated, or rescinded) on the State Water Board's ["Scott-Shasta Drought" webpage](#)<sup>10</sup> and through emails sent out to individuals that have signed up for the ["Scott-Shasta Drought & Flow Efforts" Email Subscription List](#)<sup>11</sup> under "State Water Resources Control Board" and "Water Rights." Signing up for this email list is the best way to stay informed about implementation of the Emergency Regulation, including changes to curtailments. All water right holders and water users are highly encouraged to sign up for the list.

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<sup>10</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)

<sup>11</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/)

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### **Allowances for Continued Limited Diversions**

The Emergency Regulation has exceptions for certain types of diversions that may continue even after you receive a curtailment order, if the appropriate information is submitted to the State Water Board. These exceptions to curtailment are:

- *Non-consumptive Diversions*. This exception applies if your diversion does not consumptively use water, meaning that it does not use up water or change the time the water is available to others (e.g., run-of-river hydropower with returns entering the same stream, instream use).
- *Minimum Human Health and Safety Diversions*. This exception applies if a curtailed diversion is your only water source for minimum human health and safety purposes, like drinking, cooking, washing, or meeting the state's critical infrastructure needs. Please note that diversions for firefighting may continue under this exception.
- *Minimum Livestock Watering Diversions*. This exception provides for the continued diversion of minimum amounts of water for livestock identified in the regulation and applies only if the curtailed diversion is your only source for livestock watering. See section 875.3 in the Emergency Regulation for more information on minimum livestock watering.

**If you want to continue diverting using one of the above exceptions, you must submit additional information to the State Water Board. Form(s) to provide the applicable information are available [online](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/) at: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/).**

### **Required Response – Curtailment Reporting**

**By July 6, 2026, water right holders or their agents receiving this Order are required to submit certain information to the State Water Board.** To assist with reporting the required information, a Scott Surface Water Right Curtailment Report Form is available on the [Scott River Curtailment Order and Addendum webpage](#) (link and URL included in previous paragraph). The required information relates to acknowledging that your surface water right has been curtailed and to whether you are pursuing an exception to continue limited diversions, under the curtailment order, as described above.

Staff are available to answer questions or otherwise assist with reporting. See the Questions section below for contact information.

### **Potential Enforcement**

The enclosed Order includes enforceable requirements regarding a water right or claim of right that require your immediate attention. Diverting water in violation of the enclosed curtailment order or the Emergency Regulation risks administrative fines, a cease and desist order, or prosecution in court. The State Water Board has enforcement discretion and decisions related to enforcement and associated penalties are based on the

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specific circumstances of the violation. Fines may be up to \$10,000 per day of violation and an additional \$3,000 for each acre-foot of water diverted in violation of the curtailment order. (Wat. Code, § 1846.)

### **Request for Reconsideration**

You may submit a petition within 30 days to request that the State Water Board reconsider the enclosed curtailment order. The process and grounds for reconsideration are provided by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 768 through 771. To ensure timely consideration, any petition for reconsideration should be emailed to: [ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Questions, Resources, and How to Stay Informed**

You can contact staff by email to: [ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov) or by calling and leaving a message at our dedicated phone line at: (916) 327-3113. Please be aware that calls and emails will be responded to as soon as possible in the order received. Staff will try to return calls within 24 hours, but responses may take longer depending on call volume.

Additional information on the Emergency Regulation and related items is available on the [Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Emergency Regulation webpage](#) (link and URL included in previous page)

We highly encourage you to sign up for the “Scott-Shasta Drought & Flows” [Email Subscription List](#) under “Water Rights” (see footnote 3). **This is the best way to stay informed about changes to the status of curtailments and other important information related to the Emergency Regulation.**

Sincerely,

Juliet Christian-Smith  
Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights

Enclosure: Order WR-2026-0005-DWR, In the Matter of Water Right(s) Listed in Attachment A of <<PRIMARY OWNER>> Order Imposing Water Right Curtailment and Requiring Reporting in the Scott River Watershed Associated with Water Rights Listed in Attachment A

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

**ORDER WR 2026-0005-DWR**

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**IN THE MATTER OF WATER RIGHT(S) LISTED IN ATTACHMENT A OF**

**«PRIMARY OWNER»<sup>1</sup>,**

**ORDER IMPOSING WATER RIGHT CURTAILMENT AND REQUIRING REPORTING  
IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED**

**ISSUED JUNE 5, 2026**

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**FINDINGS:**

1. Since August 30, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) has adopted and implemented a regulation establishing emergency minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, which have remained in effect except for a brief period between August 1, 2023, and January 31, 2024. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 875-875.9.) The State Water Board has made minor amendments to the emergency regulation, with the current version, titled *Establishment of Minimum Instream Flow Requirements, Curtailment Authority, and Information Order Authority in the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds* (hereinafter "[Regulation](#)"<sup>2</sup>), in effect since February 1, 2024.
2. State Water Board [Resolution No. 2025-0002](#)<sup>3</sup> and the Board's [Findings of Emergency Regulation Digest](#)<sup>4</sup>, dated January 2025, describes the need for the Regulation and its intent. State Water Board Resolution No. 2025-0002 and the Findings of Emergency Regulation and Informative Digest are incorporated by reference into this Order. The Regulation establishes minimum instream flow

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<sup>1</sup> You are receiving this Order as the owner of record for the water right(s) listed in Attachment A. This Order applies to you and all agents, successors in interest, grantees, and assigns thereto.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2025/2025-scott-shasta-emergency-reg-adopted-searchable.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2025/2025-scott-shasta-emergency-reg-adopted-searchable.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/resolutions/2025/rs2025-0002.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2025/rs2025-0002.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2025/scott-shasta-drought-informative-digest.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2025/scott-shasta-drought-informative-digest.pdf)

requirements, minimum livestock watering limits, curtailment authority, and information order authority in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

3. [Assembly Bill 263](#)<sup>5</sup>, enacted on September 26, 2025, made legislative findings related to the importance of minimum flows for salmonids in the Scott and Shasta Rivers, and amended Water Code, section 1058.5, subdivision (c), to extend the duration of the Regulation, mandating that it remain in effect until January 1, 2031, or until adoption of permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flows in these watersheds, whichever comes first.
4. The Regulation establishes minimum instream flows for the Scott River watershed, as measured in cubic feet per second (cfs) at United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage no.11519500 located downstream of the city of Fort Jones at the northern end of Scott Valley (Scott River Mile 21) ([Fort Jones USGS gage](#)<sup>6</sup>), as the natural flow of the system up to the following amounts:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun 1-23	Jun 24-30	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
200	200	200	150	150	125	90	50	30	33	40	60	150

5. The Regulation includes California Code of Regulations, title 23,<sup>7</sup> sections 875, 875.1, 875.2, 875.3, 875.5, 875.6, 875.7, 875.8, and 875.9, and, among other things, establishes the circumstances under which the State Water Board may issue curtailments in the Scott River watershed to maintain minimum flows for fish, as well as exceptions to curtailments and curtailment reporting requirements.
6. Water rights in the Scott River watershed are grouped into nine priority groups under section 875.5, subsection (a)(1)(A), with Priority Group 1 being lowest priority – appropriative rights developed after the Scott River Decree in 1980 – and Priority Group 9 being the highest priority – overlying and adjudicated groundwater rights.
7. On July 23, 2024, the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Rights (Deputy Director) for the State Water Resources Control Board issued State Water Board Order 2024-0024-DWR, curtailing Priority Groups 1 – 8, which includes all the known surface water rights in the Scott River watershed. This order remains effective as affirmed under section 875, subsection (b)(4).

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<sup>5</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB263](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB263)

<sup>6</sup> <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-11519500/#period=P7D&dataTypeId=continuous-00060-0&showFieldMeasurements=true&showMedian=true>

<sup>7</sup> All subsequent section references in this order are to California Code of Regulations, title 23 unless otherwise noted.

8. Through reporting errors, administrative errors, or changes in rights, the rights identified in Attachment A were not included in State Water Board [Order WR 2024-0024-DWR](#)<sup>8</sup>, even though they are within Priority Groups 1 through 8. This Order rectifies the error by imposing curtailment on the listed rights.
9. To date, the State Water Board has issued 11 addenda to State Water Board Order WR 2024-0024-DWR, suspending and reinstating curtailments at various Priority Group levels and requiring specific information or other curtailment-related conditions in order to improve management and maintain minimum fishery flows.
10. It would cause confusion to issue separate addenda to those under State Water Board Order WR 2024-0024-DWR, and those under this Order, as conditions are imposed and curtailments are suspended and reimposed to improve water administration under the Emergency Regulation. Therefore, any future addenda to State Water Board WR 20204-0024-DWR, starting with Addendum 12, shall also apply to this Order. The terms of this Order reflect those of Order WR 20204-0024-DWR through the most recent addendum and as updated to for current findings and procedures.
11. Flows in the Scott River are influenced by a variety of factors, including precipitation, snowmelt, surface water and groundwater demands, and groundwater basin levels. In Winter 2025-26 and Spring 2026, Scott Valley received a below average amount of snow, along with associated reductions in snowmelt. Since early April 2026 there has been no significant snow cover remaining in the Scott River watershed. Flows have been steadily decreasing in the Scott River, as measured at the Fort Jones USGS gage, and on May 20, 2026, at about 6:45 pm the flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage dropped below the minimum flow requirement. In response to the decreasing flow trend and flows dropping below the minimum flow requirement, on May 21, 2026, the State Water Board issued [Addendum 9](#)<sup>9</sup> to [Order No. 2024-0024-DWR](#)<sup>10</sup>, reinstating curtailments for all surface water rights in the Scott River watershed. On May 23, 2026, flows began to rebound in response to curtailments and increased above the minimum flow requirement. On May 25, 2026, Addendum 10 was issued conditionally suspending curtailments for Group 8 surface water rights. Flows continued to increase following precipitation in the watershed, with more rain anticipated. As such, [Addendum 11](#)<sup>11</sup> was issued on May 27, 2026, expanding the conditional suspension of curtailments to cover Priority Groups 1-8.

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<sup>8</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf)

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<sup>10</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/scott-addendum11-attachmenta.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/scott-addendum11-attachmenta.pdf)

Addendum 11 has variable diversion, notification, and permission requirements for diversions based on priority group and measured flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage. Diversion is permitted only when both the priority group's conditions are met and flows exceed the applicable minimum flow requirement. As of May 29, 2026, flows again began receding in the Scott River. On June 3, 2026, at about 12:30 pm, flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage decreased to 124 cfs, below the June 1-23 flow requirement of 125 cfs. Accordingly, the Board sent an email reminding all surface water right holders and users of the requirements in Addendum 11. Based on the current flow and decreasing trend, hydrologic comparison with similar water year flow trends (2014 and 2015), temperature and precipitation forecasts, and the lack of remaining snowpack, flows are generally anticipated to continue to decline and remain below the minimum flow requirement without curtailment. While rainfall and water management actions may periodically raise flows above minimum flow requirements, the anticipated trend is for flows to generally decline and remain below minimum flow requirements for most of the remainder of the irrigation season.

12. The May 2026 snow survey showed that the Scott River watershed received only one percent (1%) of the historical average (Department of Water Resources data, 1966–2015; see COURSES (ca.gov)<sup>12</sup>). As of May 13, 2026, minimal to no significant snow cover remains in the Scott River watershed. As a result, snowmelt is not anticipated to contribute to flows for the remainder of the irrigation season.
13. Based on a comparison of this year's hydrology to similar historical hydrographs, without conditional curtailment of Priority Groups 1 through 8, flows are expected to stay below the 125 cfs June 1-23 flow requirement. The Deputy Director has determined that without curtailment, as described in the Regulation, of all surface water in the Scott River watershed, flows are likely to remain below the minimum flows specified in section 875, subdivision(c)(1)(A) and continue to decrease more rapidly than under curtailment until the hydrologic conditions in the watershed improve. As seen in previous years, curtailment could last through the remainder of the irrigation season until fall precipitation resumes in the Scott River watershed or be lifted if significant precipitation occurs and flows are sufficient to support the suspension of curtailment for some portion or all water rights. The conditions below allow for diversion in order of water right priority when sufficient flow is available.
14. Ongoing assessment of water supply and demand projections remain pertinent to the management of curtailments. If the Scott River responds more quickly to curtailment than anticipated, such that the flow requirements at the Fort Jones USGS gage can be met and sustained for portions of the summer, the Deputy Director can amend the conditions of curtailment or suspend curtailments in the order of priority.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/reportapp/javareports?name=COURSES>

15. The State Water Board will provide all future updates to curtailments (e.g., the status of curtailment, including when suspended, reinstated, or rescinded) on the State Water Board's [Scott-Shasta Drought webpage](#)<sup>13</sup> and through emails sent out to individuals that have signed up for the "Scott-Shasta Drought & Flow Efforts" [Email Subscription List](#)<sup>14</sup> under "State Water Resources Control Board" and then "Water Rights". Signing up for this email list is the best way for those subject to this curtailment order to stay informed about implementation of the Regulation, including changes to curtailments.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. This curtailment order shall be effective on June 5, 2026.
2. Diversion of water in the Scott River watershed pursuant to the water right(s) listed in Attachment A shall cease on June 5, 2026, or upon delivery of this Order, whichever is later. Diversions under this right may be permitted to continue only if:
  - a. Authorized under an exception to curtailment as described by sections 875.1, 875.2, and 875.3 of the Regulation; OR
  - b. Authorized under the most current addendum to Order WR 2024-0024-DWR. As of the date of this Order, Addendum 11 is in effect and applies to the water right(s) listed in Attachment A. Curtailment of the water right(s) listed in Attachment A shall adhere to the priority-group-specific conditions set forth in Addendum 11 to State Water Board Order WR 2024-0024-DWR, until Order WR 2024-0024 is subsequently amended. This Order shall be implemented consistent with subsequent addenda issued for Order WR 2024-0024-DWR to ensure consistent implementation of surface water curtailments in the Scott River watershed.

The terms of Addendum 11, which apply only for the time in which Addendum 11 is in effect, are:

- i. Priority Group 8 shall:
  1. Cease diversions when the instantaneous flow at the Fort Jones United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage approaches the minimum flow requirement (e.g. 150 cfs for May; 125 cfs for June); and

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<sup>13</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/)

2. Cease diversions immediately if directed by the State Water Board.
- ii. Priority Group 7 shall:
1. Notify the State Water Board of the amount of water they plan to divert in advance of starting diversion, by e-mail to: ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov
  2. Check the flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage prior to and at least every 12 hours during diversion.
  3. Cease diversions when the instantaneous flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage approaches the minimum flow requirement (e.g. 150 cfs during May or 125 cfs during June).
  4. Cease diversions immediately if directed by the State Water Board.
- iii. Priority Groups 1-6:
1. Shall check the flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage prior to and at least every 12 hours during diversion.
  2. May commence diversion consistent with their water right(s) when all of the following conditions are met:
    - a. Flows are increasing and greater than 200 cfs during May (or 175 cfs during June) at the Fort Jones USGS gage; AND
    - b. The diverter has notified the State Water Board of the amount of water they would like to divert, by email to: ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov. •
  3. May commence diversion consistent with their water right(s) when all of the following conditions are met:
    - a. Flows are between 150 and 200 cfs during in May (or between 125 and 175 cfs in June); AND
    - b. The diverter requests and receives approval from the State Water Board to divert a specific amount of water.

4. Shall cease diversions immediately when any of the following occur:
  - a. Directed by State Water Board; or
  - b. The instantaneous flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage approaches 200 cfs during May or 175 cfs during June, unless the diverter requests and receives approval from the State Water Board; or
  - c. The instantaneous flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage approaches 150 cfs during May or 125 cfs during June.
3. In accordance with section 875, subdivision (d)(1) of the Emergency Regulation the water right holder or agent of record who receives this Order is responsible for immediately providing notice of this Order to all diverters exercising water right(s) associated with this Order.
4. <<PRIMARY OWNER>> or their agent or successor is required, no later than July 6, 2026, to report and certify the actions taken in response to this Order as listed under Regulation, section 875.6, subdivision (a). A "Scott Surface Water Right Curtailment Report" form is available for reporting on the Scott-Shasta Drought Scott Curtailments and Addendums [webpage](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/), at: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/)
5. <<PRIMARY OWNER>> or their agent or successor shall complete and submit either a self-certification or a petition if an exception(s) to curtailment is needed to continue diverting for non-consumptive uses, minimum human health and safety needs, or minimum livestock watering needs, as authorized by and described in Regulation sections 875.1, 875.2, and 875.3, respectively, and meeting the requirements of Regulation sections 876.6, subdivision (b). Certification and petition forms are available on the Scott-Shasta Drought Scott Curtailments [webpage](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/) at: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/). The forms are titled: Scott & Shasta Non-Consumptive Use Certification, Scott & Shasta Minimum Health & Safety Certification – Up to 55 Gallons/Person/Day, Scott & Shasta Minimum Human Health & Safety Petition, and Scott & Shasta Minimum Livestock Diversion Certification and Petition.
6. All subsequent modifications to this Order, including curtailment suspensions, reinstatements, rescission, or other modifications to the Order, shall be noticed through electronic means, including through the State Water Board's "Scott-Shasta Drought and Flow Efforts" email distribution list and will be posted to the "Scott-Shasta Drought" [webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)). <<PRIMARY OWNER>> is responsible for signing up for the " Scott-Shasta Drought & Flow

Efforts” e-mail subscription list and/or for checking the webpage referenced in this paragraph to receive such notice.

7. Any addenda or other modifications issued for State Water Board Order WR 2024-2024-DWR shall also apply to this Order without requiring separate numbering or reference (e.g., Addendum 12 to State Water Board Order WR 2024-2024-DWR shall also amend this Order).
8. Violation of this Order shall be subject to enforcement and any applicable penalties pursuant to Water Code, sections 1052, 1058.5, 1831, 1845, and 1846. To the extent of any conflict between the requirements of this curtailment order and any other applicable orders or conditions of approval, the diverter must comply with the requirements that are most stringent.
9. Nothing in this Order is intended to or shall be construed to limit or preclude the State Water Board from exercising its authority under any statute, regulation, ordinance, or other law, including but not limited to, the authority to bring enforcement against diverters for unauthorized diversion or use in violation of Water Code section 1052.
10. Nothing in this Order shall excuse individual water right holders from meeting any more stringent requirements that may be imposed by applicable legally binding legislation, regulations, or a water right permit requirement. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered, or candidate species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A sections 1531 to 1544).

## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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Dated: June 5, 2026

**ATTACHMENT A TO STATE WATER BOARD ORDER WR 2026-0005-DWR: ORDER IMPOSING WATER RIGHT CURTAILMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED**

*The Curtailment Group number is based on the order of priority outlined in Regulation section 875.5(a)(1). Group 1 is curtailed first and suspended last (i.e., most junior water right priority), Group 8 is curtailed last and suspended first. Please note that water rights of Group 2 refer to the Surplus Rights only, not the other water rights of the owner. Please also note that ownership is as listed in the Scott River Decree. This list should be understood to include the successors and assigns of the owners at this time. Group 2 Surplus Rights are generally unavailable in drought years and are only available when all other rights under the Scott River Decree have been fully satisfied.*

Please use this information for reporting and any petitions or certifications. Forms are available [online](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/) at: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/)

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