
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region

Staff Summary Report

October 9-10, 2025

ITEM: 1

SUBJECT: Field Trip to Shackleford Creek

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item; no action will be taken by the Board and a quorum of Board members will not be present.

BACKGROUND: Located within Siskiyou County, Shackleford Creek is a major tributary to the Scott River. Its headwaters are comprised of Campbell, Cliff, and Summit Lakes, which lie in the Marble Mountains Wilderness Area. Shackleford Creek is one of the first valley-floor tributaries that connects to the mainstem in many water year types, making it one of the first areas of high-quality spawning and rearing habitat that salmonids can reach during fall migration. Because of this, Shackleford Creek is critically important in supporting beneficial uses and fish populations in the Scott Valley. Shackleford Creek runs through the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, and the Tribe has interest in the health of the Creek because of its role in producing cold water fish and other culturally significant flora and fauna.

Quartz Valley Indian Reservation is organizing a field trip to allow staff, Board Members and the public the opportunity to visit Shackleford Creek and learn about the Tribe's perspectives on surface diversions and the loss of salmon. While regulating water rights for surface diversions is not within the North Coast Water Board's authority, the Scott River Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load contained in the North Coast Water Board's Basin Plan identifies stream flow via surface diversion as an anthropogenically alterable factor contributing to temperature impairment.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. History of Quartz Valley Indian Reservation: [History of QVIR – QVIR](https://qvir.com/history-of-qvir/) (<https://qvir.com/history-of-qvir/>).

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