
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
will hold a Status Conference on the
Pending Petitions for Change for Licenses
6943 (A005653), 11791 (A005654), 2205 (A007141), 2206 (A007142), 2207 (A007143),
2208 (A008098), 2209 (A008099), 6944 (A008387), 2837 (A009455),
AND 5729 (A0011751) of

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT.

**The Status Conference will begin on
August 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**
and will be held by Zoom teleconference.

Representatives of parties will receive an individual invitation
to join the hearing by e-mail from Zoom

This Status Conference will not be live-streamed.

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 2015, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) 15 change petitions for its water rights licenses on Coyote Creek, Stevens Creek, and Guadalupe River. On May 9, 2024, Valley Water submitted revised petitions pursuant to Water Code sections 1701 and 1707 for Licenses 5729, 6944, 2205, 2206, 2207, and 2208, and Water Code section 1701 for Licenses 11791, 2209, 2837, and 6943 (Petitions). Valley Water filed the Petitions to update the water right licenses to account for its existing water supply operations and assist with the resolution of a water right complaint against Valley Water.

The Petitions were publicly noticed on May 23, 2024, and were protested by San Francisco Baykeeper, California Trout, Fly Fishers International – Northern California Council, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. On September 27, 2024, the Board's Executive Director assigned the Petitions to the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) for further proceedings. The parties retained a mediator to assist in the protest resolution process.

On January 16, 2025, the parties submitted to the AHO a signed settlement agreement titled Agreement to Resolve Protests of Change Petitions for Water Right Licenses 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2837, 5729, 6943, 6944, and 11791 Held by Santa Clara Valley Water District. The parties also submitted proposed water right conditions and a revised Fish Habitat Restoration Plan. On February 11, 2026, the AHO held a status conference to discuss next steps to complete the proceeding and any additional information needed from the parties for the Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights to issue amended water right licenses and an order approving the change petitions.

On April 10, 2026, the AHO received Valley Water's submittal of a draft amended order and draft licenses. Based on these submittals, the AHO, in consultation with the Division of Water Rights, prepared a draft proposed order and draft amended licenses, which were released to the parties for comment on May 29, 2026. The AHO received comments from the parties on the draft amended order and draft licenses on July 1, 2026. The AHO has revised the draft order and draft amended licenses based on the comments and will circulate the revised drafts during the week prior to the August 19, 2026 status conference.

STATUS CONFERENCE

The AHO hearing officer will hold a status conference on the date and at the time specified on the first page of this notice by Zoom teleconference. No in-person appearances will be allowed. The status conference will be held and electronically recorded by Zoom teleconference. The AHO will not retain a court reporter for the status conference. Any party may arrange for a court reporter at the party's own expense.

During the status conference, the hearing officer will discuss with the parties' representatives the revised draft order and draft amended licenses. In particular, the hearing officer intends to discuss revisions to Draft License Term 17 (revision forthcoming) and Term 19. (Note: Terms 18 from the May 29 drafts, addressing the groundwater extraction accounting methodology, are removed). The hearing officer also would like to discuss Comment No. 4 of Valley Water's July 1 comment letter, regarding Draft License Term 14 (revision forthcoming). Please note that the numbering of the terms will change in the drafts to be released next week.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nicole Kuenzi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" and last name "Kuenzi" clearly distinguishable.

Date August 7, 2026

Nicole Kuenzi,
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