State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA WATERSHED CURTAILMENT COMPLIANCE AND RESPONSE ASSISTANCE WEBINAR

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights staff will hold an informational webinar to provide an overview of recent curtailment and reporting orders issued in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) watershed and guidance to diverters who are responsible for curtailing diversions, submitting certifications, and/or other reporting pursuant to curtailment and reporting orders.

In the morning session, staff will describe the requirements that are applicable to all water right holders and claimants in the Delta watershed and demonstrate how to comply with the requirements of curtailment and reporting orders. In the afternoon session, staff will discuss the enhanced reporting of water diversion and use that is required under the orders for water rights and claims with an annual diversion amount of 5,000 acre-feet or more. Agendas for both sessions are provided below.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Curtailment and Certification of Compliance Overview
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enhanced Reporting Requirements
(only applicable to diversions of 5,000 acre-feet or greater annually)¹
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

¹ If the order you received (titled “Initial Order Imposing Water Right Curtailment and Reporting Requirements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed”) does not include requirements to report additional water diversion and use data, then the topics discussed in the afternoon session will not currently apply to you. If your right or claim authorizes annual diversion of 1,000 acre-feet or more, but less than 5,000 acre-feet, it is possible that these additional reporting requirements will apply to you in the future pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 879, subdivision (d)(2); you may wish to participate in the afternoon session, or watch the posted webinar if the additional reporting requirements are in the future applied to your right or claim.
PARTICIPATION INFORMATION
Zoom Link for Both Sessions:
https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/92894119490?pwd=bnlZU1lzNW1CL1FuNU1iOWljazVnUT09
Zoom Telephone Number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 928 9411 9490
Passcode: 025768

BACKGROUND
In response to ongoing drought conditions and associated water supply shortages in the Delta watershed, on August 3, 2021, the State Water Board adopted a Delta watershed emergency regulation authorizing the curtailment of diversions when water is determined to be unavailable at a water right holder’s or claimant’s priority of right. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 876–879.2.) The regulation also authorizes the State Water Board to impose certain reporting requirements on water right holders and claimants in the Delta watershed. The emergency regulation was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and went into effect on August 19, 2021.

On August 20, 2021, the State Water Board issued initial orders imposing water right curtailment and reporting requirements in the Delta watershed. The initial orders impose water diversion curtailment and reporting requirements pursuant to the emergency regulation and specify how water right holders and claimants must comply with those requirements.

AGENDA
Curtailment and Certification of Compliance Overview (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
1. Overview of the emergency regulation and subsequent initial order
2. Summary of the requirements authorized by the regulation
3. Overview of compliance certification requirements, including a demonstration of how to access, complete, and submit the online Compliance Certification Form
4. Demonstration of how to check the online curtailment status list to see if a water right or claim is currently curtailed
5. Overview of the possible exceptions to curtailment and how to request them
6. Opportunity for attendees to ask questions

Enhanced Reporting Requirements (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
(only applicable to diversions of 5,000 acre-feet or greater annually)
1. Summary of the requirements authorized by the regulation
2. Overview of the enhanced reporting requirements, including who the requirements apply to and why this information is required
3. Demonstration of how to access the online Enhanced Reporting Form and provide the required information
4. Opportunity for attendees to ask questions

RESOURCES AND CONTACT
For more information and compliance assistance resources, visit the Delta Drought and Curtailment webpage. To receive updates regarding curtailments in the Delta
watershed, subscribe to the Delta Drought email list (a direct subscription is also available at the bottom of the Delta Drought and Curtailment webpage).

If you have any questions or require special accommodations, you may contact staff at Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-0960.