

November 2, 2015

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE WATER TO DIVERT UNDER PRE-1927 WATER RIGHTS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER WATERSHED AND SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff has determined that sufficient water is now available to support diversions by all pre-1927 water right holders in the Sacramento River watershed and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This includes those post-1914 water rights with a priority date between 1914 and December 31, 1926 that were subject to the May 1, 2015 and later notices of water unavailability. The notice is applicable beginning Friday October 30th and will remain in effect until further notice. Staff's determination of water availability is based on unimpaired water supply calculations and historical runoff data by the Department of Water Resources and reduced water right demands. A list of affected parties will be posted to the Division's Water Availability webpage at, http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/water_availability.shtml

During this diversion opportunity, you must comply with all terms and conditions of your water right, especially the season of diversion and bypass conditions. This notice also does not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with other notices such as a Term 91 notice and orders of curtailment for fishery protection. You should keep a record of your diversions since such diversions are still subject to prior rights and reporting requirements. Any diversion in violation of the terms and conditions of your water right, or other notices, are subject to enforcement.

State Water Board staff will be monitoring weather forecasts and stream gages to determine if the diversion opportunity should continue or be expanded for post-1926 water rights. Please monitor your email and our website for further updates on the suspension of the notice of water unavailability. If a lyris notice is issued on the weekend, the website will not be updated until the following Monday due to service limitations.