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Weekly Curtailment Updates

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## State Water Resources Control Board

# DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS STATUS REPORT

TO:

KATHY MROWKA, MANAGER, ENFORCEMENT SECTION

**SUBJECT:** 

UPDATE ON CURTAILED WATER RIGHTS

DATE:

JULY 20, 2015

#### Sacramento River Basin

- Curtailment of Post-14 rights went into effect on May 1, 2015, and expected to continue through the summer.
- Curtailment of appropriative water rights with a priority date between 1903 and 1914 went into effect on June 12, 2015.
- Tributary-level evaluation of pre-14 rights is ongoing.

### San Joaquin River Basin

- Curtailment of Post-14 rights went into effect on April 23, 2015, and expected to continue through the summer.
- Curtailment of appropriative water rights with a priority date between 1903 and 1914 went into effect on June 12, 2015.
- June 26, 2015: All remaining appropriative water rights in the Upper San Joaquin watershed with a priority date senior to 1903 curtailed.
- June 26, 2015: Appropriative rights in the Merced watershed with a priority date between 1858 and 1902 curtailed.
- June 26, 2015: Four appropriative rights in the Tuolumne River watershed curtailed.
- Tributary-level evaluation of pre-14 rights is ongoing.
- Eel River, Main Stem not curtailed as of July 7, 2015.
  - Current flow is just under 15 cfs; total demand is 45 cfs during July. However, during August total demand will be 13 cfs (8 cfs post-1914). Eel River would need to stabilize at current flow to satisfy total demand in August. However, main stem shows a consistent decrease in flow since June. Staff will monitor future conditions to determine if curtailment is appropriate.
- Eel River, Van Duzen not curtailed as of July 7, 2015.

 Current flow is 15 cfs; total demand is under 2 cfs during July. Curtailment not recommended at this time.

#### Russian River

- Review of Drought Water Rights Allocation Tool (DWRAT) being made this week.
  Comparison will be made to evaluation methods employed during 2014 curtailment.
  Additional information on possible curtailment scenarios will be available next week.
- Scott River Curtailment initiated: April 23, 2015.
  - Water rights affected: All Decreed Surplus Class Rights, Post-1914 rights, and Priority class 2 water rights in Schedule D4.
  - The current flow is 11 cfs. Staff is monitoring the conditions and the flow is well below the USFS instream flow right of 192 cfs for the month of July. Curtailment will remain in effect until the Forest Service right is satisfied.
- Deer Creek Curtailment period was from April 17 through June 3, 2015.
  - Curtailment may be required again starting October 15, 2015 if specific types of fish are present. A new order would be required to curtail water rights starting in October.
  - Water rights affected: Post-1914 rights (with limited exceptions) and other right holders required to provide specified fishery flows.
- Antelope Creek Curtailment period was from April 3 through May 29, 2015.
  - Curtailment may be required again starting November 1, 2015 if specific types of fish are present. A new order would be required to curtail water rights starting in November.
  - Water rights affected: Post-1914 rights (with limited exceptions) and other right holders required to provide specified fishery flows.
- Mill Creek (tributary of the Sacramento River) Voluntary drought agreements in effect through December 31, 2015.