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Subject: **DECEMBER 7 WEEKLY UPDATE ON CURTAILMENT STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS AND CLAIMS IN THE DELTA WATERSHED**

This email contains important information about the curtailment status of water rights and claims of right within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) watershed pursuant to orders that were issued on August 20, 2021 ([Order for water rights/claims under 5,000 acre-feet](#) and [Order for water rights/claims over 5,000 acre-feet](#)).

Based on recent water supply forecasts and anticipated precipitation in the next week, **curtailment statuses have been updated to temporarily suspend some curtailments in the Delta watershed starting Wednesday, December 8, 2021.** Supply forecasts will continue to be evaluated regularly to determine if reimposition or further suspension of current curtailments is appropriate, and updates will continue to be provided by email and web posting at least weekly.

Please check the [Delta Watershed Curtailment Status List](#) for the current curtailment status of each water right and claim in the Delta watershed. The following is a general summary of the priorities of water rights and claims that are **curtailed effective December 8, 2021**, unless and until the State Water Board advises that this determination has been updated:

1. Water rights and claims on Sacramento River tributaries as follows:
 - a. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the Cache Creek subwatershed with a priority date of 1856 or later;
 - b. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the Stony Creek subwatershed with a priority date of 1910 or later;
 - c. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Bear River subwatershed with a priority date of 1941 or later;
 - d. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Putah Creek subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1945 or later; and
 - e. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Yuba River subwatershed with a priority date of 1961 or later.
2. Water rights and claims on San Joaquin River tributaries as follows:
 - a. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the Fresno River subwatershed with a priority date of 1873 or later;
 - b. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Upper San Joaquin River subwatershed with a priority date of 1919 or later;
 - c. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Mokelumne River subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1949 or later;
 - d. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Stanislaus River subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1952 or later; and
 - e. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Chowchilla River subwatershed with a priority date of 1959 or later.

For those with limited internet access, a pre-recorded version of the summary above can be heard on the Delta Curtailment Status phone line at (916) 323-4643.

Curtailment decisions are based on the [Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed](#), dated November 15, 2021, together with consideration of water supply forecasts from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) that were updated on December 7, 2021. The 50% exceedance water supply forecast was selected to determine curtailments at this time; daily water supply observations and updated forecasts are assessed regularly to help select the appropriate forecast. Demand data informing curtailments continue to be based on reported diversions from 2018. Projected demand data received through Enhanced Reporting Forms are being assessed to determine their potential use for informing future curtailments.

For more information about drought in the Delta watershed, please visit the [Delta Drought webpage](#). For more information about curtailment compliance and responses to the August 20 Orders, please visit the [Curtailment Compliance and Responses webpage](#). The Curtailment Compliance and Responses tracker is updated every Friday and can be filtered to see the latest delinquencies. If you have any questions, you may send an email to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov or call the Delta Drought phone line at (916) 319-0960.