
State Water Resources Control Board

Jenner Cattle Company



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION - FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CURTAILMENT ORDERS AND PROHIBITION ON INEFFICIENT LIVESTOCK WATERING

Due to the extreme drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted emergency regulations on August 17, 2021. The regulations went into effect on August 30, 2021. On September 1, 2021 the Prohibition on Inefficient Livestock Watering (prohibition) went into effect (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23 875.7). In the Scott Watershed, the prohibition was in effect from September 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021.

On September 9, 2021, the Deputy Director for the State Water Board Division of Water Rights (Division) issued the Order Imposing Water Right Curtailments and Reporting requirements For Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed (Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed). On October 25, 2021, curtailments in the Scott Watershed were conditionally suspended (Addendum 1 to Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed) and Addendums 2, 3, and 4 extended the conditional suspension of curtailments until December 1, 2021. Following the expiration of the suspension, curtailments were reimposed from December 1, 2021 through January 4, 2021. Addendums 5 through 10 suspended curtailments until January 31, 2021.

On Jan 7, 2022, to assess compliance with the prohibition, the Deputy Director for the Division issued Information Order WR 2022-0052-DWR within the Scott and Shasta River watersheds.

Division staff have analyzed Jenner Cattle Company's information order response forms and have determined that Jenner Cattle Company violated the emergency regulation winter stockwatering provisions on multiple days, by exceeding the diversion allotment under the prohibition and curtailment order (when curtailments were in effect).

These violations could result in enforcement actions including administrative civil liability penalties, cease and desist orders, or both. If you have questions or concerns,

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please leave a message on the Water Rights Enforcement phone line at (916) 341-5342 or by email at DWR-SiskiyouEnforcement@waterboards.ca.gov.

For more information on regulations pertaining to stockwater, please review this document regarding Livestock Watering Requirements here:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2022/scottshasta-livestock-information.pdf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Cervantes", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert P. Cervantes, PE
Program Manager - Enforcement
Division of Water Rights