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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **PARTICIPATION INFORMATION FOR THE AMADOR WATER AGENCY HEARING STATUS CONFERENCE**

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a status conference for the Amador Water Agency Hearing via the Zoom online platform on **Friday, September 25, 2020, beginning at 11:00 a.m.** On September 17, 2020, Amador Water Agency and the Department of Water Resources jointly filed a protest withdrawal agreement and request for status conference. In light of this agreement and the similar agreement between Amador Water Agency, Jackson Valley Irrigation District (JVID), and the East Bay Municipal Utility District filed on September 9, 2020, Hearing Officer Maguire has postponed the hearing and granted the request for a status conference.

The purpose of the status conference is for hearing participants to discuss options for moving forward, including whether the hearing should be cancelled and, if not, how the hearing may be streamlined in light of the parties' recent agreements.

Participation in the status conference is reserved for parties to the proceeding. However, since JVID is a party to one of the protest withdrawal agreements and filed a Notice of Intent to Appear expressing the intent to participate in the hearing by presenting a policy statement, JVID is also invited to participate in the status conference. Hearing parties are encouraged, but are not required, to attend the status conference. Parties who do not attend the status conference, however, waive their right to comment on any decisions that are made without their input at the conference or in a subsequent ruling.

This status conference will be webcast on the [CalEPA website](#). A court reporter will also be present to record the conference electronically and prepare a transcript.

#### **Attendance**

##### ***For Status Conference Participants:***

Status conference participants are encouraged to join the status conference via both audio and video via the following Zoom meeting link:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/92030149837?pwd=aU14NHVJU2pxdHIJRVCUWE3cXMzdz09>

If joining via video is not feasible, participation via audio alone is permissible. If you cannot or do not wish to connect to the audio portion of the Zoom meeting using a

computer, you may call into the Zoom meeting using the telephone number, meeting ID, and password provided below:

Zoom Telephone Number: (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 920 3014 9837

Password: 017025

All Zoom participants are requested to keep their microphones muted when not speaking.

You will not need to install software on your computer to participate; the Zoom service can run within an existing web browser. However, downloading the Zoom software may provide a superior meeting experience. You can download the Zoom client at: <https://zoom.us/download>. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with Zoom's features, include muting and unmuting your microphone, prior to the meeting by visiting [Zoom's Help Center](#).

Any interested persons who are not parties to the proceeding will be able to watch and listen to the status conference via webcast on the [CalEPA website](#). If you are participating through the Zoom platform, please do not simultaneously view or listen to the webcast.

### **Contact Information**

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact staff at the email address below prior to the status conference.

If you experience technical issues that limit your participation during the status conference, please contact staff for assistance. Staff will attempt to correct any technical issues that arise as quickly as possible.

For assistance, please contact staff by email at [wr\\_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wr_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Additional Information**

For more information related to this hearing project, please visit the [Amador Water Agency Hearing web page](#).

### **Guidelines for Orderly Participation via Zoom**

Please review the following guidelines prior to the status conference:

- Remote meetings often lack the same visual and social cues available during public, in-person meetings. Please be respectful and patient so all participating parties can be fairly heard.
- Call into the meeting or video conference at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting to ensure you can resolve any technical issues

before the meeting starts. You will initially be in a virtual waiting room and will be let into the meeting by a staff person.

- Please test your video and/or audio before the start of the meeting. At the bottom, left-hand side of the Zoom window is a microphone and a video camera symbol. If there is a red line across the symbols, your microphone is muted and video camera is turned off.
- Zoom occasionally freezes up due to an influx of new users. At times, you may see a frozen screen for a moment or two. If this issue persists after a few minutes, please notify staff by email at [wr\\_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wr_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov) and try calling into the meeting using the phone number provided instead.
- Please identify yourself each time you speak, particularly during discussions.
- Regardless of whether you participate via phone, computer, or mobile device, please participate from a quiet environment and speak slowly and clearly so that we can properly hear you. If you are using the internet to connect to the meeting, try to ensure that you have a good connection or strong signal.
- It is important to avoid creating acoustic feedback. Please remain on mute while others are speaking to minimize background noise and minimize the use of speakerphone while participating. If there are other devices near you that are tuned into the meeting, please make sure that the speaker volume of those devices is turned off when it is your turn to participate.
- The hearing officer will maintain decorum during the meeting and individuals who are disruptive may be removed from the remote meeting service or have their connection muted.
- Other participants will be able to see your name, and if you call in, other participants will see the last three digits of your phone number unless you have called in anonymously.