

Subject: Diversion co-ordination meeting tomorrow

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In order to preserve water in the lake, the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) and the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) filed joint Temporary Urgency Change Petitions with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on August 13th, 2014. The petitions were approved on August 25th. As a result, minimum instream flows will be reduced from 75 cfs to 50 cfs for the remainder of the year.

As part of the approval process, the SWRCB has imposed a number of terms on the District's permit for the duration of the Temporary Urgency Change. **The District's Board of Trustees are holding a Special Meeting on September 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Mendocino County Farm Bureau Office to discuss the recent Temporary Urgency Change Petition and some of the terms.**

One of the terms requires the District to develop a method for providing demand forecasting for District diversions. This forecasting is intended to provide SCWA with enough notification about pending demand to reduce the amount of "buffer flows" that are released to ensure compliance with minimum instream flows. Reducing buffer flows will help preserve storage in Lake Mendocino. Therefore, the District is requesting that all contractors provide SCWA notice 72 hours prior to diverting water. There will be a brief informational presentation regarding the need for diversion co-ordination, as well as instructions for complying with this term.

The District encourages public participation. Click [here](#) for meeting materials including agendas and minutes. Our next regular meeting will be held on the Monday, September 8th.

Please note we have changed our email address to rrfc@pacific.net

Thanks!