



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

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March 16, 2023

RE: SSJGSA Board Action Regarding Executive Order N-4-23 & Flood Flow Diversions

Dear Landowners,

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-4-23, signed on March 10, 2023 and attached here, suspends the applications and permits required for water rights for diversion of flood flows that occur between March 10, 2023, and whenever the risk of downstream flooding abates, for flood management and associated groundwater recharge. Flood flows may be diverted using temporary pumps with simple screens installed to minimize impact on aquatic life. **The Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) strongly encourages landowners to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by Executive Order N-4-23.** The SSJGSA believes that efforts undertaken now can accelerate groundwater recharge, reduce the risks of local and regional catastrophic flooding, and benefit the entire Basin. There is a small window of time to act and we need your help.

At the SSJGSA Board meeting on March 15, 2023, **the Board voted to allocate a total of \$20,000 to be used to reimburse SSJGSA landowners for some or all of the actual reasonable costs incurred – rental of temporary pumps, screens, and fuel costs – for diverting flood flows over the next 3 months.** Labor costs are not eligible for reimbursement. Strict compliance with the terms of Executive Order N-4-23 and sufficient documentation are required for reimbursement. Approval of the reimbursement is subject to available funds based on the timing of the request to the SSJGSA. Collaborating with participating landowners, the SSJGSA will perform all tasks associated with the State's reporting requirements.

We hope that you will take advantage of this limited opportunity. Please contact us with any questions.

Diversions Exclusions:

NOTE: Per Executive Order N-4-23, water may NOT be diverted to: 1) dairy land application areas; 2) any agricultural field where pesticide or fertilizer application has occurred in the prior 30 days; 3) any area that could cause damage to critical levees, infrastructure, wastewater and drinking water systems, drinking water wells or drinking water supplies, or exacerbate the threat of flood and other health and safety concerns; or 4) any area that has not been in active irrigated agricultural cultivation within the past three years, including grazing lands, annual grasslands, and natural habitats. This limitation does not apply to facilities already constructed for the purpose of groundwater recharge or managed wetlands.

Sincerely,

Willy Cunha, Chairman of the Board of Directors