

Term 91 Update

On Friday afternoon, due to dry hydrologic conditions, GCID was alerted that Term 91 restrictions have been invoked by the State Water Resources Control Board. The Term 91 restriction prohibits diversions from the Sacramento River until the Delta returns to a “Balanced Condition”.

Term 91 will **NOT** affect GCID diversions until the end of the water year - **October 31st**. Further, in coordination with Reclamation and several other Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRCS), GCID is participating in the Rice Decomposition Water Diversion Smoothing effort. This coordinated operational action is necessary to reduce the risk of dewatering Fall Run Chinook Salmon redds (salmon egg nests) and to conserve storage in Shasta Reservoir. This effort shifts a small portion (7,500 AF) of GCID’s late October contract diversions into November, providing an extended period (10-15 days) to continue to supply a limited amount of post-harvest water delivery until Term 91 is lifted.

Due to these regulatory and river conditions, and the high demand for post-harvest deliveries, GCID is currently unable to immediately meet all water requests. As such, until Term 91 is lifted, GCID is prioritizing, to the best of our ability, providing all water users with an opportunity for a post-harvest water delivery. Until Term 91 is lifted, this regulatory circumstance will be a limiting factor, necessitating water to be rotated and waitlists being necessary. Further, for the time being, continuous flow deliveries will be temporarily suspended.

GCID is committed to making best efforts to serve the needs of our water users. Coordination and communication is critical as we work to manage through this regulatory limitation. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated. Please work with your water operator regarding availability and coordination of water deliveries. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact GCID Water Operations Superintendent Ed Henderson at 530.804.3498 or the District Office at 530.934.8881.