

Scott Valley & Shasta Valley Watermaster District

POLICY FOR ADDING OR CHANGING A DECREED POINT OF DIVERSION

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Purpose: This Policy Statement defines the District’s position regarding Points of Diversion (POD).

Background: A water user may want to change or move his decreed POD, add a new POD, and/or rotate the use of points of diversion. Changes to the decree, including the point of diversion, place of use and purpose of use, require a water right holder to petition the Superior Court.

Governing Authority: SSWD Board of Directors and Superior Court

Policy Statement: The SSWD will not object to changing a decreed POD, adding a new POD, or implementing a rotation in the points of diversion if the following items are obtained by the water right holder:

1. A signed, written agreement from effected diversion owners¹ stating that they do not object to the proposed action.
2. The Deputy Watermaster will propose the area of effected diversion owners for approval by the Board of Directors.
3. A proposed project description (change in location of diversion, changing from gravity diversion to pump, etc.) from the diversion owner that clearly explains the proposed actions. This description should include information about existing users, locations of structures, decreed water rights, water use etc.
4. A map which shows all existing points of diversion, all proposed points of diversion and reference to timing and priorities when rotating use of diversions.
5. A letter from the Deputy Watermaster stating that he/she believes there would be no harm to other water right holders by the proposed action.

Additional Guidelines: The SSWD Board of Directors requires a technical and possible legal review of the project’s effects by an ad-hoc committee prior to making a decision. The SSWD will provide the water right holder with a letter stating their decision.

¹ Effected diversion owners may include all owners within a service area, watershed, stream or reach of stream.