

In the latest update posted here at HVLCSO.org, we addressed the Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) of “When will the Moratorium for new hookups be lifted and new hookups can be purchased?” While the answer technically remains the same ...

“It’s too early to tell when the Moratorium will be lifted. This letter from the State Board and the Districts response shows that there is good news and there is an end to the Moratorium in sight. [...] there are State Regulatory processes that need to be accomplished and conjecturing when the State will complete those is hard to predict. The District is preparing for the Moratorium’s lifting and will be enacting the processes for new meter hookups when they can be done so.”

We did want to share some recent correspondence from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights (SWRCB, DWR). Here is a timeline that followed the SWRCB DWR’s notification on 4/17/20;

4/23/20 – HVLCSO complied with SWRCB DWR’s recommendations and formally requested revocation of appropriate water rights.

4/30/20- HVLCSO requested the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB, DDW) rescind the Compliance Order 02_03_14R_004 (meter moratorium).

6/18/20 – The SWRCB, DDW provided an update on HVLCSO’s request to rescind the meter moratorium;

“The Division of Drinking Water’s decision to remove the connection moratorium is contingent upon the revocation of HVLCSO’s water rights.... The Division of Water Rights is currently reviewing a draft revocation order; DDW expects to rescind Compliance Order No. 02_03_14R_004 after issuance of the Water Rights order.”

6/19/20 – HVLCSO submitted comments in response to State Water Resources Control Board Department of Water Resources (DWR) County Drought Advisory Group (CDAG) Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities Drought and Water Shortage Risk Report.

We hope that this information provides clarification on the important question of when the moratorium will be lifted. While it still does not give an exact time, we wanted you to know that the issue is still active within both the SWRCB DWR, SWRCB DDW, and the Department of Water Resources.