
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
issued a notice a public hearing
on the proposed revocation of
Public Water System Permit No. 2018-03-017 issued to

Bloomincamp Water System (System No. 5000435).

The public hearing which was to commence on

March 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.,

is **continued** to a date **on or after April 10, 2023.**

BACKGROUND

On August 17, 2022, the Deputy Director for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) Division of Drinking Water (Division), issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 2018-03-017 (Notice of Intent), issued to Bloomincamp Water System, System No. 5000435 (Bloomincamp Water System, Bloomincamp, or Respondent). On September 10, 2022, Mathew Steinberg requested a hearing on behalf of Bloomincamp Water System to contest the proposed permit revocation.

On October 24, 2022, the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) assigned the hearing on the proposed revocation of Bloomincamp's Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 2018-03-017 to the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO). On December 30, 2022, the AHO issued a Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference, notifying the parties that the AHO would conduct the hearing on March 3, 2023. The AHO conducted a pre-hearing conference on January 26, 2023, in which representatives for Bloomincamp and representatives of the Board's Prosecution Team participated.

On February 3, 2023, Bloomincamp filed a motion for continuance of the public hearing. Bloomincamp argues that postponement of the hearing is appropriate because it recently retained legal representation in this matter, the issues raised in the

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notice of proposed revocation are complex, Bloomingcamp should have the opportunity to obtain relevant documents from the Division of Drinking Water in preparation of its defense, the parties plan to conduct settlement discussions, there is a lack of urgency to conduct the hearing, and to allow adequate time for the AHO hearing officer to consider and act on Bloomingcamp's Motion to Disqualify (which it filed on February 14, 2023). On February 14, 2023, the Prosecution Team filed an Opposition to the Motion for Continuance.

Based on the outstanding procedural questions about the hearing officer's participation in this proceeding and Bloomingcamp's Motion to Disqualify, Bloomingcamp's recent retention of counsel in this matter, and to allow some opportunity for Bloomingcamp to obtain public records from the Division of Drinking Water and engage in settlement discussions with the Prosecution Team before the hearing, the AHO hearing officer **grants** Bloomingcamp's motion in part and **continues the public hearing in this matter to a date on or after April 10, 2023**. The AHO hearing officer will further consider the arguments raised by Bloomingcamp in its motion and the Prosecution Team in its opposition to determine whether a further continuance of the hearing is appropriate and to set a date for the public hearing. The AHO will issue a separate Amended Notice of Hearing when the hearing officer acts on the motion in full and sets a hearing date.

February 17, 2023
Date

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