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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

Development of an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address Organochlorine Pesticides in Several Central Valley Waterbodies

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, (Central Valley Water Board) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting and public workshop to seek input on the environmental information that should be considered in the development and adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Water Basins (Basin Plan) to incorporate TMDLs and program of implementation for discharges of Organochlorine (OC) pesticides in several Central Valley waterbodies. Impaired waterbodies on the 303(d) list that will be addressed by this project include reaches of the San Joaquin River, the lower Tuolumne River, the lower Stanislaus River, Orestimba Creek, the lower Merced River, the lower Feather River, the Colusa Basin Drain, and eight portions of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta waterways) located in Region 5 including the Stockton Ship Channel.

Supplemental information regarding the proposed amendment is available on the Central Valley Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/central_valley_organochlorine_pesticide/index.shtml

This meeting and workshop will provide participants with: (1) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed amendment and environmental documentation to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and the Central Valley Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15251, subdivision (g); and Title 23, section 3775 et seq.); and (2) an overview of the conditions in the project area.

Scoping Meeting/Workshop:

Date: 7 July 2009
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board - Hearing Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Directions and location information can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us/sacramento_location.pdf

The facility will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi, executive assistant,

at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Submission of CEQA Scoping Comments:

The Central Valley Water Board will accept both written and oral suggestions on the scope and content of the information included in the scoping documents. Comments should be limited to identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, reasonably foreseeable means of compliance and their impacts, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in-depth in the development of this CEQA project. Written comments should be submitted to Fred Kizito no later than **12:00 Noon on 21 July 2009** (contact information provided below).

Comment letters may also be submitted by email to FKizito@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at 916-464-4800. Please indicate the project you are commenting upon in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Central Valley OC TMDL.**" Electronic submission via e-mail is preferred. Comments provided at the workshop will be reviewed and considered prior to Central Valley Water Board consideration of the proposed amendment in Spring 2011. All comments will be included in the final administrative record.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Groups or individuals interested in organochlorine pesticide impairment in the Central Valley watersheds are encouraged to attend. This includes, but is not limited to, Public and private land owners; agricultural producers; water district managers; wastewater treatment and disposal; environmental groups; city and county officials in charge of land use and storm water management; and other federal, state and local regulators and water management officials.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Fred Kizito at FKizito@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4633. To continue receiving notifications regarding this basin plan amendment, you must subscribe to the "Organochlorine Pesticide TMDL and Basin Plan Amendment" mailing list through our webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml or if receiving this notice by mail, complete the attached form and return it to:

Fred Kizito
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who could be interested in this matter.



Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer
11 May 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
concerning
TRIENNIAL REVIEW FOR THE
SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is beginning the process of reviewing its Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Valley Region, Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). This Basin Plan covers the watersheds of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin Rivers. The Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establishes water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and describes an implementation plan to achieve the objectives.

The Regional Board will hold a public workshop, conducted during the August 2009 Central Valley Water Board meeting, to receive comments on basin plan elements that may need amendment. The public workshop is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Date: 13 to 14 August 2009 (please contact the Regional Board office two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date)

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Regional Water Quality Control Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

The purpose of the triennial review is to identify high priority basin planning issues that the Central Valley Water Board will direct basin planning efforts over the next three years. Amendments to the basin plan may occur as a result of the triennial review priorities but are not part of the triennial review process.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments by **22 July 2009** on Basin Planning issues the Regional Board should consider in this triennial review. Comments should be submitted to Betty Yee, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. In the comments, please provide a detailed description of the issue, a brief statement of reasons for the addition or deletion of an issue, and recommendation on the priority that should be given to that particular issue. At the workshop, staff will summarize the written comments and interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Regional Board.

Following the workshop, staff will review oral and written comments and prepare final recommendations in a workplan for Regional Board consideration at a future public hearing. Staff will identify which issues are expected to be addressed in the next three years with existing resources and which require additional resources. The workplan will be available for comments prior to the hearing.

Additional information regarding the Triennial Review is available in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennialreviews.shtml

Copies of this document can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions regarding this review should be directed to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 or byee@waterboards.ca.gov. Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml

[Note: Check the box titled "Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Sacramento & San Joaquin River Basins."]

If you have already signed up for the mailing list in the past, you need not sign up a second time. All future information and notifications pertaining to this triennial review will be provided electronically through this subscription service, and to those interested parties who have requested notification via US mail.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

4 May 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
concerning
Non-Regulatory Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for
the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to
Correct Editing Errors and Update Language

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adopting amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The proposed amendments will correct editing errors and will update outdated language. At the public hearing, the Board will also consider certifying draft environmental documents prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3775 et seq., that determine that the proposed action does not have any potential adverse environmental effects. After hearing testimony, the Central Valley Water Board may choose to act on the proposal, or may choose to continue or close the hearing and vote on the proposal at a future meeting. The public hearing, to be conducted during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, is scheduled at the time and location noted below:

Date: 13 to 14 August 2009 (please contact the Regional Board office two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date)
Time: 8:30 am
Place: Regional Water Quality Control Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

A draft staff report has been prepared to describe the rationale for the proposed amendments. Interested persons may download the draft staff report for the proposed Basin Plan amendments in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/non-regchanges.shtml

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Written comments must be submitted by **29 July 2009** if they are to receive a written response. Comments shall be addressed to Betty Yee, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. At the hearing, staff will summarize written comments and will present a final recommendation for Board consideration. Interested persons

will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 number or byee@waterboards.ca.gov. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Questions regarding this amendment should be directed to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 or byee@waterboards.ca.gov. Future notifications regarding this amendment will be made through the mailing list for the triennial review. Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml

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If you have already signed up for the mailing list in the past, you need not sign up a second time. Or, you may fill out the attached form to receive future notifications regarding this amendment via US mail.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

4 May 2009

CONTINUED NOTIFICATIONS

To continue receiving notifications regarding the issues in the attached notices, you **must** sign up for the electronic mailing list or complete the form below and return it to:

Betty Yee
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml. Persons wishing to receive electronic updates regarding the Non-Regulatory Basin Plan Amendments can do so by subscribing to the Triennial Review email list.

This Continued Notifications only applies to the issues described in the enclosed notices. If you are not interested in these issues, do nothing and you will remain on the basin plan mailing list for future amendments.

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Affiliation _____
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Phone Numbers _____
E-mail _____

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- Central Valley Organochlorine TMDL
 - Non-Regulatory Basin Plan Amendments
 - Triennial Review for the Sacramento-& San Joaquin River Basins
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- _____ No, I am not interested in Basin Plan Amendments; please remove me from this mailing list.

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