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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

## CENTRAL VALLEY DIURON TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD and BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT

### Notice of California Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meeting 30 October 2012

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Central Valley Water Board" or "Board") have scheduled a public meeting to discuss and solicit comments and suggestions regarding a proposal to amend the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins* (the "Basin Plan") for the control of discharges of the herbicide diuron.

The purpose of this early consultation is to solicit input regarding the range of project actions, alternatives, reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, significant and cumulative impacts, and potential mitigation measures that the Board will need to analyze in the course of developing the amendment to the Basin Plan. Public comments will assist the Central Valley Water Board in developing the amendment, which may include the establishment of water quality objectives for diuron and an implementation program to achieve those objectives and establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).

The public meeting will be held at the following date and location:

Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 9:00 a.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Written comments are due by November 13, 2012. Please submit comments to Melissa Dudley at [mdudley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mdudley@waterboards.ca.gov) or to the address above.

Although a quorum of Central Valley Water Board members may be present, the Board will not take any action at this meeting. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in diuron issues in the Central Valley.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Growers or their representatives, water district managers, government officials in charge of drainage, storm water, or wastewater management, organizations responsible for maintaining rights-of-way or others that use diuron in their weed control operations, local and state pesticide regulators, pesticide manufacturers, retailers and applicators, environmental groups, environmental justice groups, and other groups or individuals interested in the regulation of pesticide discharges.

#### AVAILABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting documents will be available on the Central Valley Water Board website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/tmdl/central\\_valley\\_projects/central\\_valley\\_pesticides/diuron\\_tmdl\\_bpa/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/central_valley_pesticides/diuron_tmdl_bpa/index.shtml).

You may also receive a paper copy of scoping materials by contacting Melissa Dudley, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; (916) 464-4603; or at [mdudley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mdudley@waterboards.ca.gov). These materials are also available for inspection at the address above during normal business hours.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The Board's water quality planning program is a certified regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), which means that the Board prepares and circulates a substitute environmental document or "SED", rather than an environmental impact report, before adopting amendments to the Basin Plan. In the SED, the Board must analyze any potential adverse environmental effects associated with the proposed amendment. This public meeting will help guide the Board's environmental analysis. Oral comments received at the public meetings will be considered when the Board prepares the SED.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

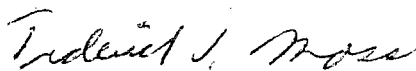
Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Melissa Dudley at (916) 464-4603 or [mdudley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mdudley@waterboards.ca.gov) or to Danny McClure at (916) 464-4751 or [dmcclure@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dmcclure@waterboards.ca.gov).

To continue receiving notifications regarding this TMDL and BPA, you must sign up for the electronic mailing list or complete the attached form to receive copies of notifications through the mail.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list related to this amendment 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml)  
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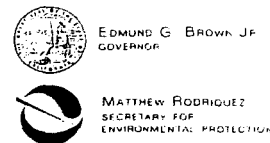
#### ACCESSIBILITY

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Melissa Dudley at (916) 464-4603 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.



Frederick S. Moss, Assistant Executive Officer

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## CENTRAL VALLEY PYRETHROID PESTICIDES TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD and BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT

### Notice of California Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meeting 30 October 2012

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The purpose of this early consultation is to solicit input regarding the range of project actions, alternatives, reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, significant and cumulative impacts, and potential mitigation measures that the Board will need to analyze in the course of developing the amendment to the Basin Plan. Public comments will assist the Central Valley Water Board in developing the amendment, which may include the establishment of water quality objectives for pyrethroids and an implementation program to achieve those objectives, and establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).

The public meeting will be held at the following date and location:

Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Written comments are due by November 13, 2012. Please send comments to Tessa Fojut at [tfojut@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tfojut@waterboards.ca.gov) or the above address.

Although a quorum of Central Valley Water Board members may be present, the Board will not take any action at this meeting. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in pyrethroid issues in the Central Valley.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Growers or their representatives, water district managers, government officials in charge of drainage, storm water, or wastewater management, local and state pesticide regulators, pesticide manufacturers, retailers and applicators, environmental groups, environmental justice groups, and other groups or individuals interested in the regulation of pesticide discharges.

#### AVAILABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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You may also receive a paper copy of scoping materials by contacting Tessa Fojut, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; (916) 464-4691; or at [tfojut@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tfojut@waterboards.ca.gov). These materials are also available for inspection at the address above during normal business hours.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Tessa Fojut at (916) 464-4691 or [tfojut@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tfojut@waterboards.ca.gov) or to Danny McClure at (916) 464-4751 or [dmcclure@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dmcclure@waterboards.ca.gov).

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(NOTE: Check the box titled "Central Valley Pyrethroids and Basin Plan Amendment")

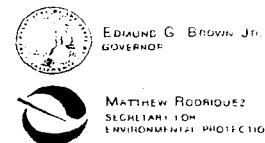
#### ACCESSIBILITY

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**Evaluation of the Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use  
(MUN) in Agriculturally Dominated Water Bodies  
Notice of Public Workshops and  
California Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meetings  
October/November 2012**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that staff from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will hold three public workshops and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meetings to discuss and solicit comments and suggestions from the public regarding a proposal to:

- Evaluate appropriate application of the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use in receiving waters of four Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) in the Sacramento River Basin
- Amend the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) to incorporate a framework for evaluating the appropriate MUN beneficial use designation as well as water quality objectives and implementation requirements to protect the use in agriculturally (Ag) dominated water bodies.

This MUN beneficial use project is the initial phase of a larger effort to evaluate appropriate protection of all applicable beneficial uses in Ag dominated water bodies.

**BACKGROUND:** By way of the Sources of Drinking Water Policy (Resolution 88-63), the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plans (Basin Plans) designate MUN beneficial use to all water bodies unless they are specifically listed in a Basin Plan as water bodies that are not designated with MUN. During permit adoptions for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, there have been challenges to protecting the MUN beneficial use designation in constructed agricultural drains due to the stated exception in Resolution 88-63. The Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative has also identified the need to evaluate the level of protection of MUN beneficial uses in constructed agricultural drains as well as other agriculturally dominated water bodies. The receiving waters of four POTWs in the cities of Willows, Colusa, Biggs and Live Oak will serve as case studies for the development of a framework to evaluate the appropriate level of MUN beneficial use protection in Ag dominated water bodies. This framework will be expanded upon to include other beneficial uses in later phases of the evaluation.

Preliminary surveys indicate that the MUN beneficial use in the receiving waters of the four POTWs is not an existing use and its protection would require costly measures that are more stringent than required under the Clean Water Act.

Additional information regarding the proposed amendment is available at the Central Valley Water Board's internet website at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/salinity/mun\\_beneficial\\_use/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/mun_beneficial_use/index.shtml)

A staff report describing the project will be available on the website by 28 September 2012. 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.

**PUBLIC SCOPING/EARLY CONSULTATION MEETING PURPOSE:** These meetings will provide participants with: (1) Background on previous work conducted evaluating appropriate beneficial uses for agriculturally dominated water bodies and application of the Drinking Water Policy (88-63); (2) an overview of conditions in the four POTW archetype study areas and potential to use case study results as a template for the Central Valley; (3) an opportunity to comment on a methodology for characterizing and defining Ag dominated water body categories; and (4) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed amendments and environmental documents 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.).

**Written comments should be submitted to Anne Littlejohn no later than 15 November 2012** (contact information provided below). Written comments and comments provided at the workshops will be reviewed and considered to draft recommendations for basin plan amendments and a draft staff report for Central Valley Water Board consideration in 2014. All comments will be included in the final administrative record.

**CEQA SCOPING MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:**

**WILLOWS**

Wednesday October 24, 2012, 10:00 a.m.  
City of Willows Council Chambers  
201 North Lassen Street  
Willows, CA 95988

**RANCHO CORDOVA**

Friday November 2, 2012, 10:00 a.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, St. 200, Board Room  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**TULARE LAKE BASIN**

Wednesday November 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.  
(A Fresno or Visalia location will be confirmed  
at least two weeks prior to meeting date – please  
contact Anne Littlejohn at (916) 464-4840 for directions)

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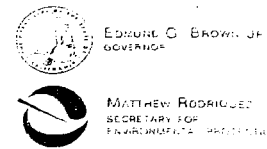
**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Anne Littlejohn at (916) 464-4840 or [alittlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:alittlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov). To continue receiving notifications regarding this basin plan amendment, you must subscribe to the "Beneficial Uses of Agriculturally Dominated Water Bodies" mailing list through our webpage at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/req5\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/req5_subscribe.shtml) or complete the attached form and return it to:

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

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

  
Frederick Moss, Assistant Executive Officer



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Notice of Public Workshops**

concerning

The 2013 Joint Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plans for the  
Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins  
and the  
Tulare Lake Basin

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is beginning the process of reviewing its Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans). The Basin Plans cover all the watersheds of the Central Valley from the Oregon state border to the northern tip of Los Angeles County. The Basin Plans identify beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establish water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and describe an implementation plan to achieve water quality objectives.

The Central Valley Water Board will hold two public workshops to receive comments on basin plan elements that may need amendment. 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 triennial review process does not include consideration of waste discharge requirements, waivers of waste discharge requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, or other regulatory matters.

The public workshops will be held before the Central Valley Water Board. No action will be taken on the triennial review during these workshops; however, the Central Valley Water Board may provide direction to staff. Time limits may be imposed on interested persons. The public workshops are scheduled as follows:

Date: 24 October 2012  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Place: Central Valley Water Board office  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

Date: 6/7 December 2012 (please contact the Regional Water Board office two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date)  
Time: 8:30 am  
Place: Central Valley Water 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. Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 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.

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In order to have comments summarized by staff during the public workshop, the public is encouraged to submit written comments by **10 October 2012** on basin planning issues for the Central Valley Water Board to 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 or to Bethany Soto, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706. 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 workshops, interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board. Comments on either Basin Plan may be presented at either workshop.

Following the workshops, staff will review oral and written comments and prepare final recommendations in work plans for Central Valley Water 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 work plans 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](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 or 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions regarding this triennial review should be directed to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 or [byee@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:byee@waterboards.ca.gov) or to Bethany Soto at (559) 445-6077 or [bsoto@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bsoto@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:

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Check either or both of the boxes titled "Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Sacramento & San Joaquin River Basins" and "Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Tulare Lake Basin."

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.



*Ken*  
Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

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