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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING **CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER RESOURCES**

Thursday, August 23, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Department of Water Resources will hold a joint meeting to consider the effects of climate change on water resources. At the meeting, the State Water Board may consider adopting a resolution directing staff to explore specific options. No regulatory actions will be taken at the August 23 meeting.

A video broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting will be posted to the State Water Board’s web site at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The agenda will be available at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>. For more information, please contact Selica Potter at (916) 327-8090 or spotter@waterboards.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND

With the passage of AB 32 (Statutes of 2006, Chapter 488), all state agencies “shall consider and implement strategies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.” In an April 2007 Report entitled “Proposed Early Actions to Mitigate Climate Change in California” the Governor’s Climate Action Team illustrated examples of programs and regulatory efforts “which describe ongoing and expected efforts to reduce and mitigate [greenhouse gas] emissions in the near term.” To assist in fulfilling the Water Boards’ and the Department of Water Resources’ mission, the State Water Board and the Department of Water Resources are holding this meeting to solicit input on: (1) how both agencies can help meet the goals of AB 32 and integrate climate change considerations into their existing policies, regulatory responsibilities, and grant programs; and (2) how climate change directly impacts our various programs and what can currently be done to address those impacts.

In addition to soliciting input, the Department of Water Resources is currently in the process of updating the California Water Plan and plans to incorporate climate change as a component of the process and document.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The meeting will consist of formal presentations and panel discussions on specific topics. A detailed agenda with the names of speakers and panel topics will be posted at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. After panel discussions are completed, Board Members and panelists will receive comments from other agencies, stakeholders, interest groups, and the general public. For parties participating by video broadcast, please e-mail questions and comments directly to Selica Potter at: spotter@waterboards.ca.gov.


The State Water Board will also accept written comments on this subject through 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2007.

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Date: August 3, 2007



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Acting Clerk to the Board