State Water Resources Control Board



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WETLAND AREA PROTECTION POLICY AND DREDGE AND FILL REGULATIONS

REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMETAL IMPACT REPORT / INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

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On January 5, 2011, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued a Notice of Preparation on Environmental Impact Report/Initial Study checklist and Notice of Public Workshops/California Environmental Quality Act Scoping Meeting for Wetland Area Protection Policy and Dredge and Fill Regulations (January 5, 2011 Notice). This Revised Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report/Initial Study extends the deadline specified in the January 5, 2011 Notice for submitting comments to the State Water Board on the environmental documents. All other provisions of the January 5, 2011 Notice remains in effect.

Notice is hereby given that the Board State Water Board, as Lead Agency, has conducted an Initial Study (IS) and has determined that a program-level environmental impact report (EIR) is necessary for the proposed Wetland Area Protection Policy and Dredge and Fill Regulations (Project). The Project will include a State Water Board wetland definition.

Under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), staff is soliciting comments from agencies and members of the public on this Notice of Preparation and IS.

Comment letters to the State Water Board, which should be limited to the CEQA environmental concerns, must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 20, 2011, rather than on February 15, 2011, as required in the January 5, 2011 Notice. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments.

Please send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email, **if 15 megabytes in size or less,** at: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, or by fax at (916) 341-5620, or by mail or hand deliver addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail) 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814 (by hand delivery)

California Environmental Protection Agency



Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter –CEQA - Wetland Area Protection Policy & Regulations." Electronic submission by email is preferred.

Obtaining Copies of Initial Study

The potential environmental effects of the proposed Project are described in the attached IS, which is also available in PDF format from the State Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/wrapp.shtml.

Copies of the IS can also be obtained by contacting Catherine Woody at (916) 341-5785 or visiting the State Water Board's office at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

February 14, 2011	Geanine Joursens
Date	Jeanine Townsend
	Clerk to the Board