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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**Workshop to Receive Comments on Sonoma County Water Agency's
Petition for Temporary Urgency Change
Regarding Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950, and 16596
(Applications 12919A, 15736, 15737, 19351)**

Commencing at 10:00 a.m.
on
Wednesday, May 6, 2009

at
Joe Serna, Jr./Cal-EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) will accept comments regarding Sonoma County Water Agency's Temporary Urgency Change Petition and the Division of Water Rights Order WR 2009-0027-DWR, dated April 6, 2009, approving the change. A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present. After receiving information, the members may provide direction to staff regarding future activities concerning the petition, but no final decision or final action will occur.

BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2009 the Division of Water Rights issued [Order WR 2009-0027-DWR](#) approving Sonoma County Water Agency's (SCWA) petition for a temporary urgency change to the subject permits. SCWA submitted the petition pursuant to California Water Code section 1435. The Order approves the reduction of instream flow requirements for the Russian River from April 6 through October 2, 2009. The Order, in effect, reduces the minimum flows for the Russian River from normal year criteria to dry-year criteria for the period from April 6 to October 2, 2009, and to critically dry-year criteria for the period from July 1 to October 2, 2009, in the event that cumulative inflow to Lake Mendocino is less than or equal to 25,000 acre feet from April 1 through June 30.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Please visit the Division of Water Rights website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml to view the following documents relating to this matter:

1. SCWA's Temporary Urgency Change Petition
2. Notice of the Temporary Urgency Change Petition
3. Order WR 2009-0027-DWR

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Written comments regarding this workshop **must be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 30, 2009, in order to be considered by the Board prior to the workshop.** Send submittals via email to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, **“Comment Letter: Sonoma County Water Agency Temporary Urgency Change Petition Workshop.”**

To ensure a productive and efficient workshop in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, **oral presentations from any interested persons will be limited to three minutes, or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chairman.** The workshop will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, Board Members and staff may ask clarifying questions.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP


Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Eric Oppenheimer at (916) 341-5384 or eioppenheimer@waterboards.ca.gov.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY AND SECURITY

The attached map shows the location and parking for the Joe Serna, Jr./Cal-EPA Headquarters Building in Sacramento. The Cal-EPA Headquarters Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Catherine Foreman, Office of Employee Assistance, at (916) 341-5881.

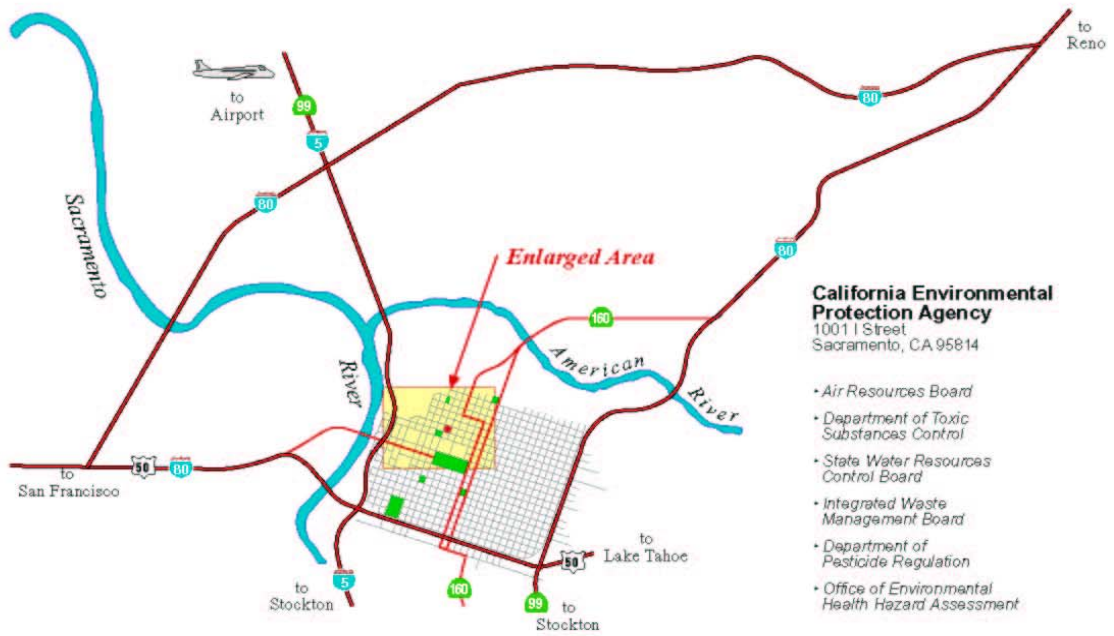
Due to enhanced security precautions at the Cal-EPA Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register with security staff prior to attending any meeting. To sign in and receive a visitor's badge, visitors must go to the Visitor and Environmental Services Center located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Depending on their destination and the building's security level, visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid picture identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state or federal identification card. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take up to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the workshop.

April 23, 2009
Date

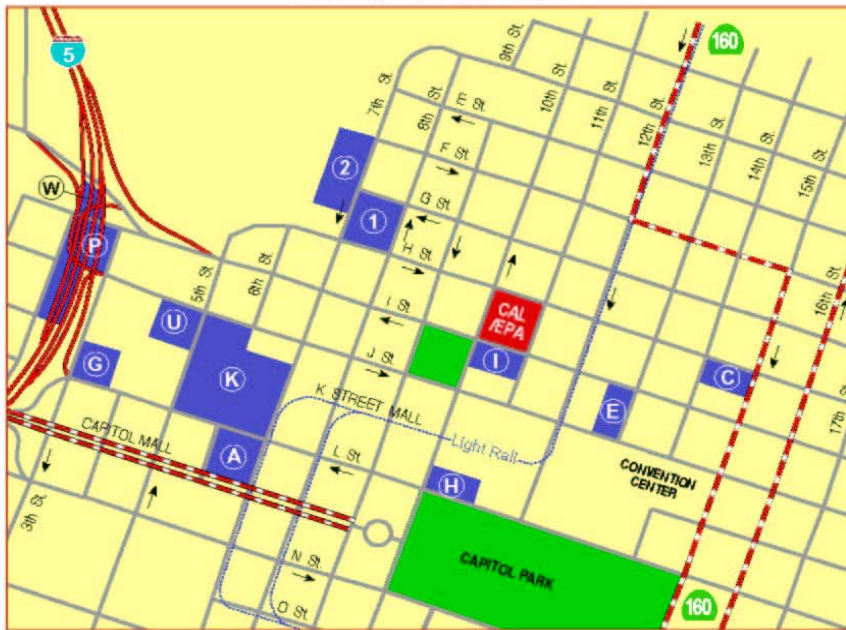


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

Attachment



Parking Lot Locations



Parking Lot Locations

- Lot 1 (7th & G St.)
- Lot 2 (7th & G St.)
- Lot A (7th & Capitol)
- Lot C (14th & H St.)
- Lot G (3rd & L)
- Lot H (10th & L)
- Lot I (10th & I, 11th & I)
- Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)
- Lot P (2nd & I)
- Lot U (5th & J)
- Lot W (2nd & I St.)