




California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region



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TO: Interested Persons 

FROM: Deborah J. Smith
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DATE: March 9, 2012

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF JUNE 7, 2012 PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER
ENDORING THE DOCUMENT: *REGIONAL WATER BOARD
ASSISTANCE IN GUIDING SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
PLAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting scheduled on June 7, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider endorsing the document providing assistance in developing the Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMP) set forth in the State Water Board's 2009 Recycled Water Policy. This document was developed by Regional Board staff to facilitate the stakeholder-led SNMP development process. The purpose of the document is to provide further clarification and more detailed information on certain aspects of the SNMP development requested by stakeholder groups. By providing additional information, the Regional Board expects to increase consistency among SNMPs developed throughout the Los Angeles Region. Note that this document is not a policy or regulation of the Regional Board and has no regulatory affect; it is intended to assist stakeholders in the development of SNMPs.

The draft document titled "Regional Water Board Assistance in Guiding Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Development in the Los Angeles Region" and the tentative resolution are available on the Regional Boards website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/

**The Public Meeting will be held on
Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at**

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California**

The Regional Board will be asked to adopt a resolution endorsing the document. The Regional Board will provide an opportunity for oral comments at the meeting. Comments should be limited to the scope and content of the document. Time limits may be imposed. Written comments must be received by the Regional Board staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2012. Written comments should be submitted electronically to

California Environmental Protection Agency

gamah@waterboards.ca.gov. Where electronic submittal is not feasible, comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region
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ATTN: Dr. Ginachi Amah

For additional information, contact Dr. Ginachi Amah at (213) 576-6685 or gamah@waterboards.ca.gov. The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6789 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Background

On February 3, 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a Recycled Water Policy, which encourages the increased use of recycled water through Resolution No. 2009-0011. This policy became effective on May 14, 2009 and may be found along with the Resolution at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2009/rs2009_0011.pdf

One of the requirements of the Recycled Water Policy is the development of salt and nutrient management plans (SNMPs) for every groundwater basin within California by 2014. The purpose of these SNMPs is to protect groundwater from accumulating concentrations of salts and nutrients that would degrade the quality of groundwater and limit beneficial uses. Per this policy, SNMPs will be prepared by stakeholders, with Regional Board participation, through locally driven and controlled, collaborative processes. Regional Board staff participation in this process involves technical and policy guidance, as well as oversight on an as-needed basis. This oversight will ensure that all requirements for the eventual incorporation of the SNMPs into the Region's Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) are met and that SNMPs are consistent throughout the region.