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TO: Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF REGIONAL BOARD STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE GROUNDWATER BASINS OF THE LOS ANGELES REGION

This notice is to inform interested persons that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will be conducting its third annual stakeholder workshop on the development of Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMPs) for groundwater basins in the Los Angeles Region. The workshop will be held on:

***Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
at the Junipero Serra Building
Carmel Room, 1st Floor
320 W. 4th Street
Los Angeles, California 90013***

(Please allow extra time to pass through the security measures at the Junipero Serra Building.)

Regional Board staff will present information on State Board's 2012 amendment to the Recycled Water Policy and address stakeholder questions and concerns on other issues that may have arisen during the development process. Stakeholders are invited to present and discuss (1) their approaches to meeting the SNMP requirements, (2) progress and status towards the development of plans, and (3) areas where further Regional Board guidance or direction will be of use.

We strongly encourage stakeholder participation in this workshop. Representatives for groundwater basin groups that would like to present at the workshop should contact Dr. Ginachi Amah by Friday October 26, 2012. Given the intent of the SNMPs, presentations based on basin- or watershed-wide efforts would be ideal; however, discussions of agency specific actions are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ginachi Amah at gamah@waterboards.ca.gov or at (213) 576-6685. Also, please bring this to the attention of any persons known to you who may be interested in this matter.

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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

Following this, on May 9, 2012, State Board released a proposed amendment to the Policy specifically concerning monitoring requirements for Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) which may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/draft_amendment_to_policy.shtml

The Recycled Water Policy requires 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. SNMPs for a number of major basins/sub-basins are currently being prepared by stakeholders through locally driven and controlled collaborative processes. Regional Board staff participation in this process involves technical and policy guidance on an as-needed basis, as well as providing opportunities for information sharing and discourse between stakeholders of the various groundwater basins in the Los Angeles Region.

The Regional Board has held two region-wide SNMP stakeholder workshops (in November 2010 and 2011) to facilitate basin stakeholder interaction, promote information sharing, and provide regulatory guidance and clarity on the Salt and Nutrient Management requirements of the statewide Recycled Water Policy.

The Regional Board has also provided

(1) A regional SNMP webpage for sharing pertinent information at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/salt_and_nutrient_management/index.shtml.

(2) An e-mail subscription list to provide SNMP-related notifications to interested persons¹,

(3) Regional Board staff contacts for each grouping of groundwater basins, and

(4) A SNMP guidance document titled "*Regional Water Board Assistance in Guiding Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Development in the Los Angeles Region*" which is available on the Regional Board's SNMP webpage.

This workshop is an opportunity for stakeholders and interested persons to come together and exchange information, showcase their progress, discuss issues of concern, and receive further guidance, where necessary, on the SNMP development process. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

¹ All interested persons who wish to continue to receive information on Salt and Nutrient Management Plan development must subscribe to this list through the Regional Board's website, if you have not done so already