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NEW BOARD MEETING PROCEDURE

Beginning in January 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board will operate under a slightly revised system for conducting its board meetings. As you know, for many years the State Water Board has conducted a “workshop” early in the month followed by a “meeting” a couple of weeks later. Our new procedure will be to replace the monthly workshop with an additional board meeting. Workshops may still be scheduled and noticed as a need arises.

The significance of converting the regular workshop to a regularly scheduled board meeting is simply this: unless circumstances demonstrate the need for additional consideration, each matter will come before the State Water Board only once. Interested persons should assume that a matter will be presented to the board and that some action will be taken on that matter at that meeting. A matter may, of course, be tabled if a majority of the board members think it appropriate. Any matter that clearly merits more review may be specially set as a “workshop item,” during a regular board meeting. In those cases, no action will be taken on that item until a later date.

It is hoped that this new procedure will enable the State Water Board to more efficiently deal with routine and non-controversial matters while allowing sufficient time for those issues that require more of the board’s attention.

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