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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

AMENDMENTS TO WATER QUALITY ORDER 2013-0002-DWQ (AS AMENDED BY ORDER 2014-0078-DWQ) STATEWIDE GENERAL AQUATIC WEED CONTROL PERMIT FOR RESIDUAL AQUATIC PESTICIDE DISCHARGES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Order 2013-0002-DWQ, Statewide General Aquatic Weed Control Permit on:

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) reissued the Aquatic Weed Control Permit on March 5, 2013 and amended the permit on May 20, 2014. This item proposes four amendments to the Aquatic Weed Control Permit as discussed in the subsequent paragraphs.

The Aquatic Weed Control Permit contains a provision that allows the permit to be reopened to modify Attachment G if any additional entity becomes qualified for an exception to meeting receiving water limitations for acrolein and copper under the State Water Board's Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (Policy). Attachment G of the permit lists public entities and mutual water companies that have received exceptions per section 5.3 of the Policy. The proposed amendment includes adding James Irrigation District, Madera Irrigation District, and Reclamation District 1000 to Attachment G. These three agencies have satisfactorily complied with all the Policy exception requirements including submission of CEQA documentation.

Another proposed amendment consists of modifying the Department of Water Resources' current Policy exception to add additional water bodies managed by the department that are not covered by the department's existing exception. The department has satisfactorily complied with all the Policy exception requirements including submission of CEQA documentation.

The third proposed amendment is to add the pesticide active ingredients calcium hypochlorite and sodium hypochlorite to the permit.

The fourth proposed amendment is to add delegation from the State Water Board to the Executive Director to amend the permit for the two purposes stated below:

- a. Add pesticide active ingredients to the permit that are subsequently registered by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation; and
- b. Add dischargers to the permit that have fulfilled the requirements to obtain an exception to meeting receiving water limitations for priority pollutants in accordance with section 5.3 of the Policy.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendments and related documents are available to view or download on the State Water Board's Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/index.shtml#weed.

You may request a paper copy by contacting Mr. Russell Norman at (916) 323-5598 or russell.norman@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written public comments on the proposed amendments to the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. The proposed amendments are shown in red text. Text in strikethrough indicates language proposed to be deleted and text in underline indicates language proposed to be added. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on**

January 14, 2015 and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **"Comment Letter – Draft Aquatic Weed Control Permit Amendments."**

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the meeting, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited.

For other presentation recommendations, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml at the State Water Board's Web site.

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENDING GENERAL ORDERS

This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf. Any communications between interested persons and board members (other than at a noticed board meeting or

submitted as a comment letter in compliance with the public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. Sample disclosure forms are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf. Beginning **February 17, 2015**, ex parte communications between interested persons and State Water Board members concerning this item are prohibited.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the hearing. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.


All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Russell Norman at (916) 323-5598 or Russell.Norman@waterboards.ca.gov.

December 12, 2014

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board