

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a meeting to receive comments and consider adopting Order No. R3-2017-0002, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands* (Ag Order). The location and time of the public meeting is as follows:

March 7-9, 2017
Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, 4th Floor
Watsonville, California

The Central Coast Water Board is preparing a revision of the previous order adopted by the Central Coast Water Board in 2012. The draft Ag Order and associated documents are available for review online at the following link: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/>

Those without internet access may contact Chris Rose at (805) 542-4770, chris.rose@waterboards.ca.gov, or by mail at the letterhead address to obtain the documents.

The Central Coast Water Board will accept public comments on the proposed order. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **January 3, 2017**. Comments can be submitted by e-mail to AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov or by courier or U.S. Mail at the letterhead address. Late comments will not be accepted into the record unless approved by the Chair.

At the public meeting there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the Central Coast Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. 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 are typically limited to three minutes.

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/#exparte. Beginning February 21, 2017, ex parte communications between interested persons and board members concerning this item are prohibited.

Spanish translation will be available at the hearing for those providing oral comments. In addition, the location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones** at **805-549-3372** at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

To receive Ag Order information, please subscribe to the "Agricultural Discharges" electronic mailing list at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/req3_subscribe.shtml.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Christopher Rose, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program manager, at (805) 542-4770 or chris.rose@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested persons may also contact staff by emailing AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov. Para información en Español, llame a Monica Barricarte a (805) 549-3881.