

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2011
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ITEM NUMBER: 20

SUBJECT: Irrigated Agricultural Lands Order Update Workshop

Staff assigned to the irrigated agricultural lands order update are working on reviewing comments (they were due January 3), and writing the response to comments document. Staff are also making changes to the staff report, order, monitoring program, and any other affected documents, in preparation for our full agriculture order agenda item for Board panel consideration at the March 17th Board meeting. However, as this work continues, this February Board meeting provides an opportunity for the Board and others to become more familiar with the draft order, and comments and perspectives on various aspects of this issue.

At the February meeting, the Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer will provide a brief overview of the November 2010 draft order, and will review the Regional Board agriculture order web page and how to access all documents and comments. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for brief comments or questions from the public. The Chair will likely limit comments and questions to relatively short segments, probably less than three minutes, depending on the number of people that wish to speak. Staff will be available to answer questions from the public and the Board, although staff will not have completed internal analysis for the March agenda, so will not be able to provide information on staff's proposed resolution of specific issues that have multiple possible outcomes in the final proposed order.

Documents regarding the ag order are posted on the Regional Water Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/ag_order.shtml

Recommendation

This session is for discussion only, with an opportunity for brief comments and questions from the public as well as questions from the Board. The Board will not be stating positions, nor voting on the draft order or any portions of the draft order.