



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



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## *Notice of Public Workshop Opportunity for Public Comment on the Preliminary Draft Staff Recommendations for an Updated Agricultural Order*

On Thursday, **July 8, 2010**, in Watsonville, the Central Coast Water Board will continue the public workshop held on May 12 on the preliminary draft staff recommendations for an updated Agricultural Order and alternatives. The purpose of the July 8, 2010 workshop is to provide an additional opportunity for those members of the public, unable to participate in the May 12 public workshop held in San Luis Obispo, to comment on the preliminary draft staff recommendations for an updated Agricultural Order and other alternatives.

The final deadline for submitting written comments on the preliminary draft staff recommendations for an updated Agricultural Order is **June 4, 2010 at 5:00 PM**. The deadline to submit requests for additional time to make a presentation at the July 8 Workshop is **June 21, 2010 at 5:00 PM**. Please submit requests for additional time to make a presentation to Roger Briggs at [rbriggs@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rbriggs@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **PUBLIC WORKSHOP INFORMATION:**

Meeting Date: **July 8, 2010**  
Meeting Time: **9:30 AM**  
Meeting Location: **275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, CA 95076**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

For more information about the Agricultural Order Renewal and July 8 workshop, including information presented at the May 12 workshop, please go to the following Internet site:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/ag\\_waivers/ag\\_order.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/ag_order.shtml)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Written comments on the preliminary draft staff recommendations for an updated Agricultural Order must be received by **June 4, 2010 at 5:00 PM**. Please submit comments via email to the email address below or by mail. *Interested parties who submit comments electronically via email DO NOT have to submit their comments in hard copy.*

**[AgOrder@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:AgOrder@waterboards.ca.gov)**

**OR**

Central Coast Water Board  
Attention: Howard Kolb  
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## **BACKGROUND**

On February 1, 2010, Water Board staff released preliminary draft staff recommendations for updating the Agricultural Order. Written comments and alternatives to the preliminary draft staff recommendations were requested by April 1, 2010.

On May 12, 2010, the Water Board held a public workshop providing information on water quality conditions in the Central Coast Region and a summary of preliminary draft staff recommendations, and providing an opportunity for public comments on the recommendations and proposed alternatives for regulating agricultural discharges. Interested persons should visit the Internet site identified above to view and listen to information presented at the May 12 workshop. Staff will NOT repeat this information at the July 8 Workshop. The July 8 workshop is intended to provide an additional opportunity for public comment for those interested persons unable to participate in the May 12 workshop. After the July 8<sup>th</sup> workshop, staff will consider all comments, continue discussions with those who commented, and will prepare a formal draft which will be subject to a formal comment period prior to presenting a recommendation to the Water Board. Please note that a separate agenda item to consider extending the existing Agricultural Order is also planned for the July 8, 2010 Board Meeting.

Spanish translation will be available at the workshop. In addition, the location of the workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Carol Hewitt** at **805-549-3503** at least five working days prior to the event. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

## **TO RECEIVE AGRICULTURAL ORDER RENEWAL INFORMATION**

The Water Board is finalizing the Agricultural Order Renewal Interested Persons List. To receive Agricultural Order Renewal information, please subscribe to the Agricultural Discharges electronic mailing list at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/req3\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/req3_subscribe.shtml)

Interested persons may also request to have Agricultural Order Renewal information hardcopy via U. S. Mail using the contact info below. Persons who subscribe to the electronic mailing list or who request a hard copy of information will be included in the Interested Persons List and will receive future notices of Water Board activities; those that do not make such a request will not be included on the list.

## **STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Angela Schroeter, Agricultural Regulatory Program Manager, at (805) 542-4644, or Howard Kolb, Agricultural Order Project Lead Staff, at (805) 549-3332. Interested persons may also contact staff by emailing [AgOrder@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:AgOrder@waterboards.ca.gov). Para información en Español, llame a Monica Barricarte a (805) 549-3881.

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