
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Proposed revisions to the Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for Growers
within the Central Valley That are Members of a Third-Party Group:**

**Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2012-0116-R3
Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2013-0120-R1
Western Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2014-0001
Western San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2014-0002-R2
Sacramento River Watershed Area R5-2014-0030-R1
Sacramento Valley Rice R5-2014-0032**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) is proposing to revise Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for growers within the Central Valley that are members of a third-party group (ILRP General Orders).

Growers regulated by the ILRP General Orders are required to participate in third-party outreach events at least annually if any of the member parcels are in a designated high vulnerability area for surface water or groundwater. The proposed revisions will clarify that outreach events can be attended by a designee of a third-party member in fulfillment of the requirements for the following ILRP General Orders:

- Waste Discharge Requirements for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group R5-2012-0116 (adopted on 7 December 2012, and revised on 3 October 2013, 27 March 2014, and 17 April 2015),
- Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Tulare Lake Basin Area that are Members of a Third-Party Group R5-2013-0120 (adopted on 19 September 2013, and revised on 4 December 2014),
- Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Western Tulare Lake Basin Area that are Members of a Third-Party Group R5-2014-0001 (adopted on 9 January 2014),
- Waste Discharge Requirements for Growers within the Western San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of a Third-Party Group R5-2014-0002 (adopted on 9 January 2014, and revised on 17 April 2015 and 31 July 2015),
- Waste Discharge Requirements for Growers within the Sacramento River Watershed Area that are Members of a Third-Party Group R5-2014-0030 (adopted on 12 March 2014, and revised on 5 June 2015),
- Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Sacramento Valley Rice Growers R5-2014-0032 (adopted on 27 March 2014).

Electronic copies of documents showing the proposed revisions to the ILRP General Orders are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/#ilrp_attend

Copies of the proposed revisions to the ILRP General Orders can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A public hearing concerning the proposed revisions to the ILRP General Orders will be held in Redding on 1/2 October 2015. The Board will only consider adoption of the proposed revisions, and will not be re-considering other aspects of the ILRP General Orders. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 1/2 October 2015

Meeting Start Time: 8:30 am

Place: City of Redding
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2015 at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the revisions to the ILRP General Orders, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

Written comments on the proposed revisions are due by **28 September 2015**. Additional written comments will not be received at the hearing. Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to jelena.hartman@waterboards.ca.gov. Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's address to the attention of Jelena Hartman. Materials received by 28 September 2015 will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered, and a written response to the comments will be prepared by Board staff. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

At the hearing, Board staff will present a final recommendation for the Central Valley Water Board's consideration. All persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair and should be limited in scope to the written comments received by the Board. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids.

Ex Parte Communications. Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. **Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for Board action.** For communications concerning any issue in

this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on 17 September 2015. If the Central Valley Water Board does not take action on 1/2 October 2015, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Board Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

The regulations governing adjudicatory hearings before the Central Valley Water Board may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq., and are available online at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. Except as provided in Section 648(b), Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedures Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) does not apply to this hearing. Questions regarding the hearing procedure should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Jelena Hartman at (916) 464-4628 or jelena.hartman@waterboards.ca.gov.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 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.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer
28 August 2015