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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Resolution for Developing a Strategy for Regulation of Managed Wetlands**

The Central Valley Water Board will be holding a public hearing considering a proposed resolution to address development of a strategy for managed wetlands regulation.

Managed wetlands are currently required to obtain regulatory coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The proposed resolution recognizes that managed wetlands operations and their potential water quality impacts differ from irrigated agriculture operations. The proposed resolution directs staff to develop a long-term strategy for wetlands regulation. The proposed resolution also recognizes that Tulare Lake Basin managed wetlands are not subject to TMDL requirements and do not discharge to surface waters, unlike managed wetlands of the Sacramento River-San Joaquin River Basin. Therefore, the proposed resolution directs staff to revise the Tulare Basin Orders to removed managed wetlands from the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Regulation of Tulare Lake Basin wetlands will be addressed as part of a long-term regulatory strategy for managed wetlands.

A public hearing will be conducted during the August 2016 Central Valley Water Board meeting which is tentatively scheduled as follows:

**Date:** 18/19 August 2016  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Central Valley Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The final meeting agenda will be available at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/#2016](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2016)

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the proposed resolution, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

Written comments on the proposed resolution must be received at the Central Valley Water Board office or at the email address below **by 18 July 2016** to receive full consideration. Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to [Susan.Fregien@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Susan.Fregien@waterboards.ca.gov). Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the attention of Susan Fregien at Central Valley Water Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

At the hearing, staff will present a final resolution for Central Valley Water Board consideration. Interested 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 Central Valley Water Board Chair. Interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Central

Valley Water 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.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Susan Fregien at (916) 464-4813 or [Susan.Fregien@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Susan.Fregien@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  
17 June 2016