
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
19 September 2013**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) has released tentative waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a monitoring and reporting program (MRP) for discharges from irrigated lands within the Tulare Lake Basin Area (Tulare Lake Basin Area Order, or Order). The tentative WDRs and MRP rely on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution R5-2011-0017) for California Environmental Quality Act compliance.

The board will consider adoption of the WDRs and MRP in Fresno on 19 September 2013. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 19 September 2013
Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Place: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center - Fresno
2233 Ventura Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Interested persons may download the tentative WDRs in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/long_term_program_development/tulare_lake_basin_area_wdrs/

Revisions are currently being made to the tentative WDRs based on comments received. A redline/strikeout version of the tentative WDRs showing the revisions will be available at the same website as soon as the revisions are complete (at least 10 days before the Board hearing date).

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearings. 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.

Written comments on this item were due **by 15 April 2013**. Materials received by this date will be included in the administrative record and a response to those comments will be prepared. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

The final meeting agenda will be available at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the date the Central Valley Water Board meeting will be held; indicate the anticipated order of agenda items; include all material related to this agenda item; and may include staff revisions. Interested persons may download the agenda in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/

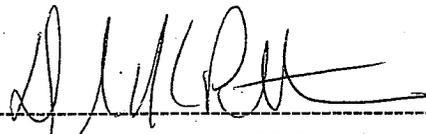
Ex Parte Communications. Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. **Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for board action.** For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on 5 September. If the board does not take action on 19 September, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the board, the 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 procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to David Sholes at (559) 445-6279 or dsholes@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.



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