

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
concerning
ADOPTION OF A BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE CONTROL PROGRAM
FOR FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN IMPAIRMENT
IN THE STOCKTON DEEP WATER SHIP CHANNEL

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins (Basin Plan) and draft "functionally equivalent" environmental documents prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and Title 23 California Code of Regulations sections 3775-3782. addressing the dissolved oxygen impairment in the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC). After hearing testimony, the Regional Board may act on the proposals or close the hearing and vote at the next meeting tentatively scheduled for 9 or 10 September 2004.

Time and Location of Public Hearing:

Date: 8 and 9 July 2004

Time: to be determined

Place: Sacramento area, location to be determined

Additional Information

Interested persons may obtain:

- Confirmation of the date, time, and location approximately two weeks before the hearing at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/index.html#2004
- The draft staff report for the proposed amendments including the environmental documentation will be available after 24 May 2004 at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/sjr_do/index.html

Or you may contact Mark Gowdy at (916) 464-4717 or gowdym@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed Basin Plan Amendment includes: a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for factors that contribute to the dissolved oxygen impairment; conditional prohibitions of discharge of oxygen demanding substances and their precursors into waters tributary to the DWSC; and an implementation plan for the control of factors contributing to the dissolved oxygen impairment. The Basin Plan Amendment would apply to entities responsible for agricultural, wetland, municipal, industrial, and stormwater discharges to waters tributary to the DWSC and to entities responsible for reduced flow and altered

channel geometry in the DWSC. Draft environmental documents have been prepared for the proposed amendments, which conclude that the proposed Basin Plan Amendment will have no significant adverse effects on the environment.

Providing Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment. To be included in the written response to comments included in the final administrative record, written comments must be submitted by 24 June 2004 to Mark Gowdy, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. At the hearing, interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Regional Board and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony may be limited in time by the Regional Board Chair. Regional Board meeting procedures are found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Sections 647-647.5 and 649-649.6 and are available upon request.

Accessibility

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka 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

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

24 May 2004