
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**Concerning
Draft Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges from irrigated lands
within the Western Tulare Lake Basin Area**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) has released an administrative draft of waste discharge requirements and a monitoring and reporting program for growers that are members of the third-party group within the Western Tulare Lake Basin Area. The administrative draft relies on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution R5-2011-0017) for California Environmental Quality Act compliance. The draft documents are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/long_term_program_development/western_tulare_lake_basin_area_wdrs/index.shtml

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

A public workshop concerning the administrative draft of the Western Tulare Lake Basin Area Order will be held in Los Banos on 30 July 2013, following the morning session focusing on the draft waste discharge requirements for discharges within Western San Joaquin River Watershed. The workshop date and location are noted below:

Date: 30 July 2013

Time: Workshop will start no earlier than 1:00 pm

Place: O'Banion Building
Los Banos Fairgrounds
403 "F" Street
Los Banos, CA 93635

The public workshop will be held before the members of the Central Valley Water Board. No action will be taken on the draft Western Tulare Lake Basin Area Order during the workshop; however, the members of the Central Valley Water Board may provide direction to staff.

Written comments on the draft documents are due by 15 July 2013. Additional written comments will not be received at the workshop. Materials received by 15 July 2013 will be included in the administrative record. A response to submitted comments will not be prepared, but staff will consider the comments when preparing the tentative Orders. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

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

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/docs/waterboards_meeting_regs.pdf.

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 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 Mr. David Sholes at (559) 445-6279 or dsholes@waterboards.ca.gov.

The workshop 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

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