
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Revised 16 January 2014

**Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges from irrigated lands
within the San Joaquin County and Delta Area**

Today, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) has released revised proposed waste discharge requirements and a monitoring and reporting program for growers that are members of a third-party group within the San Joaquin County and Delta Area (San Joaquin Delta Order). This revised notice provides interested persons until 16 February 2014 to comment on the proposed revisions to the waste discharge requirements, which add footnotes that were inadvertently left off of the proposed waste discharge requirements released by the Board on 16 December 2013. The footnotes that are now available for review include footnote numbers 5, 6, 15, 18, 22, 24, 25, and 28. Comments on the previously circulated draft of the San Joaquin Delta Order are due 17 January 2014. **No additional written comments are being accepted on any other part of the Order after the 17 January 2014 due date, besides comments on the aforementioned footnotes.**

The proposed waste discharge requirements and monitoring and reporting program rely on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution R5-2011-0017) for California Environmental Quality Act compliance. Electronic copies of the proposed San Joaquin Delta Order are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/new_waste_discharge_requirements/sanjoaquin_delta_area_wdrs/index.shtml

Copies of the proposed San Joaquin Delta Order 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 San Joaquin Delta Order will be held in Rancho Cordova on 11/12 March 2014. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 11/12 March 2014

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the San Joaquin Delta Order, 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 San Joaquin Delta Order (released on 16 December 2013) continue to be due by **17 January 2014**. Additional written comments will not be received at the hearing. Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to cjimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov. Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's address to the attention of Chris Jimmerson. Comments received on that draft by 17 January 2014, and comments received on the proposed revisions by 16 February 2014 (released on 16 January 2014), respectively, will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered and a written response will be prepared. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

At the hearing, staff will present a final recommendation 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 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.

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 26 February 2014. If the board does not take action on 11-12 March 2014, 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-Rizzarda at (916) 464-4839.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Chris Jimmerson at (916) 464-4859 or cjimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda 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:

JOE KARKOSKI, Chief, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
16 January 2014