

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER BOARD  
LONG-TERM IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (ILRP)  
ADVISORY WORKGROUP

PROPOSED OPERATING PROCEDURES

**Advisory Workgroup Goals**

The goal of this workgroup is to provide input on matters related to the development of a long-term program for waste discharges from irrigated agricultural lands to waters of the State. Specifically, the workgroup will advise and provide comment to Regional Water Board staff on the development of program alternatives and evaluation measures.

The Regional Water Board will use the evaluation measures to identify a recommended long-term program and alternatives that will be evaluated in a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

**Advisory Workgroup Structure**

Member Responsibilities

Members of the workgroup will be expected to attend the meetings; report back to the group they are representing; and communicate the interests, concerns, and recommendations of their interest group to the workgroup. Meetings could last up to four hours, not including travel time.

Number and Composition of Workgroup Members

To facilitate productive meetings, the workgroup should be limited in size to a small group of representatives that will act on the behalf of their interest groups. The workgroup should represent a cross section of interest groups and geographic areas. In addition, workgroup members should have some knowledge and understanding of the current ILRP. Proposed interest groups to be represented are:

- Water Quality Coalition Groups
- Commodity groups
- Public and private wetland owners/managers
- Irrigation districts
- Farm bureau
- Environmental justice representatives
- Environmental groups
- Agricultural commissioners
- Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Department of Food and Agriculture

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- State Water Resources Control Board
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Dairy Industry

Note that workgroup composition is established to get a breadth of perspectives from agriculture; State agencies that work with agriculture; and public interest groups.

Selection of Members

This stakeholder process is open to the public. The Regional Water Board will not select stakeholder representatives. It is highly recommended that agricultural interests include growers in their selection of representatives (e.g., a County Farm Bureau representative who is also a farmer). Interest groups will be asked to select representatives and alternates prior to the second workgroup meeting. Selection will be communicated to the Regional Water Board by letter with the name of the primary representative, alternate, and the organizations supporting the selection.

Reimbursement of Expenses

Members will serve without compensation from the Regional Water Board. Travel expenses will not be reimbursed either.

**Project Timeline, Meetings, and Administration**

Project Timeline

Regional Water Board staff has developed a draft long-term program and stakeholder process timeline. The timeline provides milestone and deliverable dates for the long-term program and associated stakeholder involvement. The workgroup will function within the confines of the timeline.

Regular Meetings

Workgroup members will be expected to meet as often as monthly over the course of the next six to nine months (October 2008 – July 2009). All meetings will be publicly noticed at least 2-weeks in advance, and open to the public.

Attendance

Workgroup members should attend every meeting or arrange for alternates to attend on their behalf. If possible, members should try to notify Regional Water Board staff in advance of anticipated absences.

Summary of Recommendations

Summaries of workgroup recommendations will be recorded at all meetings by Regional Water Board staff. The summaries will be distributed to members and made available to the public.

Meeting Agendas and Materials

Regional Water Board staff and workgroup members will work collaboratively to develop agenda topics and other materials related to the development of the long-term program. Regional Water Board staff will be responsible for circulating draft agendas and other meeting materials at least one week prior to scheduled workgroup meetings.

Advisory Workgroup Members

The list of workgroup members will be made available to the public on the Regional Water Board's internet site. The list will include the following information: member name and represented interest(s).

Meeting Facilitation

Regional Water Board staff will facilitate, or provide a facilitator, for workgroup meetings.

**Advisory Workgroup Recommendations**

The goal of the workgroup will be to work toward providing recommendations to Regional Water Board staff regarding long-term program alternatives and evaluation measures. In any staff reports developed for the Regional Water Board, workgroup recommendations and alternatives will be described.

**Regional Water Board Member and Executive Officer Attendance**

Regional Water Board members and the Executive Officer may be attending workgroup meetings. No Board action will be taken during workgroup meetings. Meetings with two or more Board members in attendance will be stenographically recorded.