

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS Concerning

Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (the "Basin Plan") for the Control of Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) is developing a program to regulate discharges of the pesticides chlorpyrifos and diazinon into selected surface waters. The Board is proposing amendments to the Basin Plan that would incorporate this program into the Basin Plan. The regulatory program includes:

- New diazinon and chlorpyrifos water quality objectives for water bodies throughout the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, below the major dams.
- Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for diazinon and chlorpyrifos for approximately 40 water bodies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins
- Revisions to existing TMDLs and control programs for diazinon and chlorpyrifos discharges to the Sacramento, Feather, and San Joaquin Rivers and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- Policies and monitoring programs that address alternative pesticides to diazinon and chlorpyrifos.

The Board's Basin Planning Program is considered a certified regulatory program, which means that the Board is exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report for basin planning activities under the California Environmental Quality Act because a sufficiently rigorous environmental review is incorporated into the basin planning process itself. (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080.5.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15251(g).) The Board's environmental review of the proposed Basin Plan Amendments is contained in a draft Staff Report, which is considered to be "substitute environmental documentation" or "SED", and which will be posted on the Board's website (below) on March 5:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/central_valley_pesticides/index.shtml

Copies of the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and draft SED 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. Staff contact information: Daniel McClure, (916) 464-4751, dmclure@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Board is inviting the public and other agencies to submit written comments on the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and draft SED from **5 March 2013** through **19 April 2013**. Written comments must be submitted to the above email or postal address by this deadline in order for them to be included in the administrative record.

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The Central Valley Water Board has scheduled a hearing on the following dates to receive oral comments regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and draft SED:

Date: 11 to 12 April 2013 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

At this hearing, Board staff will provide the Central Valley Water Board with an update regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and draft SED, and the Board will receive oral comments from members of the public and representatives of other agencies regarding the Basin Plan Amendments and the adequacy of the draft SED. Following this hearing, Board staff will review these comments and will prepare responses and recommendations for the Board.

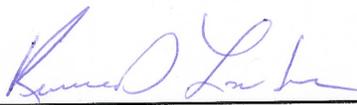
During a subsequent public meeting scheduled for the following dates, the Board will consider taking action with respect to the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and SED:

Date: 30 to 31 May 2013 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Oral testimony will not be received at the May 2013 meeting unless the Board Chair elects to receive additional testimony or commentary to address changes to the Basin Plan Amendments and/or any other relevant issues. At the May meeting, Board staff will provide the Board with recommendations regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and will discuss changes made in response to comments received. At the May meeting, the Board may adopt the Basin Plan Amendments and SED as proposed, or it may adopt them with changes that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendments and that would be considered a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearings, including charts, graphs, and other testimony, must be left with the Board and will become part of the administrative record. The meeting 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 five 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.



Kenneth Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

2-25-2013
Date