

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND AGENDA

Development of Model Groundwater Monitoring Criteria in Areas of Oil and Gas Production

Thursday August 7, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

County of Kern Administrative Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, California

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop to receive public comments. The meeting will be led by State Water Board staff. A quorum of State Water Board members may be in attendance; however no Board action will be taken at this meeting.

Workshop Overview: The State Water Board is commencing the public stakeholder process as specified in Senate Bill 4 (Pavley, statutes of 2013) to develop model groundwater monitoring criteria (model criteria) in relation to oil and gas wells subject to well stimulation treatments. The model criteria will address a range of methods from monitoring on individual wells to conducting a regional groundwater monitoring program. The purpose of this meeting is to gather stakeholder and public perspectives, ideas, and concerns regarding the potential effects of oil and gas related activities on groundwater quality in order to develop the model criteria.

Agenda

1. Sign-in (8:30 – 9:00 a.m.)
2. Developing Model Criteria: Process and Considerations (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
 - State Water Board – Overview of Process for Developing Model Criteria
 - Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources – Status and Overview of the Development of Regulations
 - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) - Considerations in Developing Model Criteria
 - Lawrence Livermore National Labs (LLNL) - Overview of expert consultation process

3. Break (10:15 - 10:30 a.m.)

4. Presentations: Public Stakeholder Perspectives (10:30 – 12:00)

- Oil and Gas
- Environmental Justice
- Local Government
- Agriculture

5. Lunch (12:00 to 1:00 p.m.) - Not provided

6. Conclusion of Stakeholder Presentations (1:00 to 2:00 p.m.)

7. Public Input and Comments (2:00 – 4:30 p.m.) –comments limited to 3 minutes

8. Closing Comments and Next Steps – State Water Board

Project Tools and Information

Project information, including meeting notices, agendas, and meeting minutes:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/groundwater/sb4/index.shtml

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