



NOTICE OF REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) Informational Update

SAN LUIS OBISPO	REDDING	BISHOP
January 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon	January 15, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon	January 28, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon
Board Room - Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401-7906	City of Redding Council Chambers 777 Cypress Avenue Redding, CA 96001	Tallman Pavilion, Tri County Fair Grounds Sierra Street & Coates Street Bishop, CA 93514

RSVP

Due to limited space in the meeting rooms, please RSVP if you plan to attend by email to DWQ-GRAP@waterboards.ca.gov and include your name, affiliation, email address and meeting(s) that you will attend. For each location, if the meeting is full, we will schedule a second meeting in the afternoon (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) on that same day.

SUMMARY

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is exploring a range of options to enhance environmental benefits from grazing, protect beneficial uses of surface and groundwater, and address water quality impacts potentially related to livestock grazing in California. This Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) aims to facilitate efficiency and statewide consistency in developing and implementing strategies to meet these goals, while at the same time accounting for regional differences in hydrology, topography, climate and land use. The GRAP process will consider a wide range of alternatives to ensure that grazing has minimal negative impacts on water quality. A cornerstone of the GRAP will be thoughtful consideration of the costs of compliance to the regulated grazing community. The participation of interested stakeholders throughout the development of GRAP is necessary to its success. As an initial step, the Water Boards engaged stakeholder groups in Focus Listening Sessions (FLS) to solicit comments early in this process, before beginning to develop GRAP (No new regulatory approach has been developed.) The FLSs were the first of many opportunities for stakeholder participation.

The purpose of the Regional Stakeholder Meetings is to share with stakeholders the comments from the FLSs and gather thoughts, suggestions or other feedback from the community on the FLSs comments and on GRAP.

MEETING AGENDA AND OTHER INFORMATION

The agenda and other meeting materials will be posted to the GRAP website below at least ten days prior to the meeting date. In the event of a change or cancellation due to weather, notice will be posted at the earliest practical time at the GRAP website below. For more information, please contact Water Board staff: Esther Tracy at (916) 341-5908 esther.tracy@waterboards.ca.gov, Cindy Wise at (530) 542-5408 cwise@waterboards.ca.gov or Ben Letton at (530) 224-4129 bleton@waterboards.ca.gov.

GRAP Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/grap.shtml