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REVISED: CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE

NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SCOPING MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Beginning no earlier than 1:00 pm

- 1. PROPOSED METHYLMERCURY OBJECTIVES FOR INLAND SURFACE WATERS, ENCLOSED BAYS, AND ESTUARIES IN CALIFORNIA**
- 2. PROPOSED STATE POLICY FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL, SAN FRANCISCO BAY, SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DELTA AND TRIBUTARIES MERCURY DISCHARGE OFFSET POLICY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold two California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meetings to seek input on the scope and content of the environmental information that should be considered in:

1. Proposed methylmercury objectives for all inland surface waters, enclosed bays, and estuaries in California; and
2. A proposed State Policy for water quality control, San Francisco Bay, Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and tributaries mercury discharge offset policy (Bay-Delta mercury offset policy).

The purpose of the scoping meetings is to provide a forum for early public consultation on the development of both the proposed methylmercury objectives (fish tissue and/or water column) and proposed Bay-Delta mercury offset policy. These consultations will assist the State Water Board in determining the scope and content of the environmental information that the Responsible and Trustee Agencies, as well as other interested parties, may require.

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Scoping is helpful to the State Water Board in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects to be analyzed prior to the decision making process. Scoping has been found to be an effective way to bring together and resolve the concerns of affected federal, State, and local agencies, the proponent of the actions, and other interested persons including those who might not be in accord with the actions on environmental grounds.

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the scoping meetings. No action will be taken by the State Water Board at the scoping meetings.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Individual informational scoping documents on both the proposed Bay-Delta mercury offset policy and the proposed methylmercury objectives may be obtained via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>. You may also receive a paper copy of the proposed methylmercury objectives scoping document by writing Tom Kimball, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by contacting Mr. Kimball at (916) 323-9689, email: tkimball@waterboards.ca.gov. You may also receive a paper copy of the proposed Bay-Delta mercury offset policy scoping document by writing Joanne Cox, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by contacting Ms. Cox at (916) 341-5552, email: jcox@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF CEQA SCOPING COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral suggestions on the scope and content of the information included in the scoping documents. Comments should be limited to identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in-depth in the development of these CEQA projects. All submissions must be received on or before February 28, 2007. Written comments should be submitted to: Song Her, Clerk to the Board, Executive Office, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100. (Fax: 916-341-5620 or email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate the project you are commenting upon in the subject line, "Comment Letter – Bay-Delta Mercury Offset Policy" or "Comment Letter – Methylmercury Objectives." Electronic submission via email is preferred.

An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions and parking information, please refer to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/contact_us/sacto_location.html. The facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Mr. Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 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.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, and then proceed to the Coastal Hearing Room.

January 26, 2007

Date



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Clerk to the Board