



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Central Coast Region



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To: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATE'S PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY DATA AND INFORMATION FOR THE 2008 CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST OF WATER QUALITY LIMITED SEGMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 305(b) REPORT OF WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL WATERS.

This letter provides region-specific supplemental guidance about submitting water quality data and information to be considered for the update of the 2008 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List Of Water Quality Limited Segments And Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report Of Water Quality Assessments For All Waters. The information in this letter supplements the information in the letter from the State Water Resources Control Board soliciting water quality data and information, dated 12/04/06 (see attached).

The Central Coast Water Board encourages you to submit data in an electronic format compatible with the format our agency uses for the State's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). This will facilitate staff's ability to more efficiently evaluate the data and information to develop recommendations for the 2008 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List Of Water Quality Limited Segments And Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report Of Water Quality Assessments For All Waters.

Central Coast Water Board staff is available to discuss both the State Water Resources Control Board and Central Coast Water Board requests and requirements for electronic data submission. Please contact Mary Adams at madams@waterboards.ca.gov or 805.542.4768 as soon as possible and before February 1, 2007. We have set a goal to receive as much data and information as possible by February 28, 2007.

Specifically, Mary can explain SWAMP formats and documentation requirements. She can also assist you in using a simple table format available at www.ccamp.org that is consistent with SWAMP data submittal requirements.

Data submitted in SWAMP format should include the following for field and lab data:

- Date and time of measurements / sample collection
- Sampling location (unique site code, Latitude and Longitude and waterbody name)

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- Analyte name and measurement value, detection limits, units of measurement, method and equipment ID (for field data), QA data (if available) including field duplicates, matrix spikes and spike duplicates, laboratory control samples)
- Information on the program's Quality Assurance Management Plan

The Water Board may not be able to consider data that does not include certain basic information (location, date, units of measurement, method), as we cannot ascertain the validity and reliability of that information.

In addition to data submission, we encourage your written comments and concerns if you are aware of areas with specific water quality problems. You may also provide written comment to alert us of persons or agencies that may have additional data that you would like us to solicit for this assessment.

Thank you in advance for providing data and information. Please contact Mary Adams at madams@waterboards.ca.gov or 805.542.4768 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

Enclosure

Cc: Interested Parties: 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments

File: 303(d) List Update 2008

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