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REVISED **(Comment Deadline Extended)**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY ON THE USE OF COASTAL AND ESTUARINE WATERS FOR POWER PLANT COOLING

Thursday, May 8, 2008 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, CA 90731

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Resources Agency
First Floor Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold two public scoping meetings to seek input on the development of a Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling.

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.

PURPOSE

The State Water Board is considering a statewide policy to implement Clean Water Act section 316(b) that controls the harmful effects of once-through cooling water intake structures on marine and estuarine life. The State Water Board previously released a scoping document titled "Proposed Statewide Policy on Clean Water Act section 316(b) Regulations" on June 13, 2006, and held a scoping meeting on July 31, 2006. However, because the United States Environmental Protection Agency suspended the regulations for cooling water intake structures at Phase II existing facilities on July 9, 2007, the regulatory landscape for section 316(b) has substantially changed since that time. Therefore, the State Water Board has released a new scoping document on

California Environmental Protection Agency

March 21, 2008 to provide the public with its current preliminary draft proposal for a state policy and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF THE SCOPING DOCUMENT

The scoping document, which includes the preliminary draft policy, may be viewed on the State Water Board Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/cwa316.shtml#otc. You may also receive a hardcopy by writing or calling:

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Sacramento, CA 95812
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SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written comments and oral suggestions on the scope and content of the environmental review and the preliminary draft staff policy.

Written comments must be received by 12 p.m. on May 20, 2008 and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. For email submittals, please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Once-Through Cooling Policy.”**

TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, AND ACCESSIBILITY

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro

Parking is free Monday – Thursday. For a map and directions, please visit: <http://www.cabrilloaq.org/dmap.html>. There is also additional free parking in the lot at 22nd Street and Miner near the terminus of the Port of Los Angeles' Red Car Line and a free shuttle to take you to Cabrillo Beach.

MTA Bus 446 and MAX Bus 3 stops nearby at 36th Street and Pacific Avenue. For public transit information, please call 1-800-COMMUTE or visit the MTA trip planner Web site at: http://socaltransport.org/tm_pub_start.php or the Transtar Web site at: <http://latranstar.tann.com/>.

The facility will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at (310) 548-7562 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

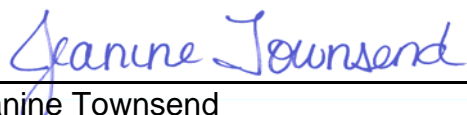
Resources Agency, Sacramento

Limited metered street parking is available around the building, and parking lots are located on 10th Street - between O & P Streets, on the northeast corner of 10th Street and L Street, 915 L Street, and L Street - between 8th and 9th Streets on the left.

Public transit via Lightrail is located at the 8th and O Street station. Please visit the Sacramento Regional Transit Web site for more information at: <http://www.sacrt.com/>.

The facility will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact the Department of General Services at (916) 445-4566 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

April 28, 2008
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board