



State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC STAFF WORKSHOP¹

Consideration of Potential Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/ Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Relating to Southern Delta Salinity and San Joaquin River Flow Objectives

Commencing at **10:00 a.m.**
on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009**
(additional days will be added as necessary)
at
Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of this staff workshop is to receive information and conduct detailed discussions regarding potential amendments or revisions to the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives included in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta) (2006 Bay-Delta Plan) and their implementation.

BACKGROUND²

The 2006 Bay-Delta Plan was adopted in December of 2006 following a review of the 1995 Bay-Delta Plan. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) was concerned about the adequacy of scientific information on which to base substantive changes to the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives or their program of implementation, so only minimal changes were made to these objectives in the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. However, Delta and Central Valley salinity and San Joaquin River flows, among other issues, were identified as emerging issues requiring additional water quality control planning consideration.

In July of 2008, the State Water Board adopted a Strategic Workplan for activities by the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other

¹ A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at the workshop.

² Additional background material regarding southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flows is provided in the accompanying Notice of Preparation for the Update and Implementation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary.

activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for review and potential amendment of the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives included in the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. This workshop will serve to gather scientific information on which to consider and base potential amendments to the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives and the program of implementation for those objectives.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE WORKSHOP

The State Water Board seeks to receive information from agencies and interested persons regarding the following issues:

1. What should the salinity objectives be to protect agricultural beneficial uses in the southern Delta and where and when should those objectives apply?
2. What should the program of implementation be for the southern Delta salinity objectives?
3. What should the San Joaquin River flow objectives be to protect fish and wildlife beneficial uses and where and when should those objectives apply?
4. What should the program of implementation be for the San Joaquin River flow objectives?

The State Water Board requests technical information that the State Water Board should consider when addressing the above questions. Specifically, the State Water Board requests information on the following topics and any additional topics that people believe the State Water Board should consider:

1. Beneficial Uses in the San Joaquin River Basin and Southern Delta:
 - a. Agriculture
 - b. Fish and wildlife
 - c. Other constraining beneficial uses
2. Hydrology of the San Joaquin River Basin:
 - a. Unimpaired hydrology
 - b. Current hydrology and near-future hydrology
 - c. Climate change impacts on hydrology
 - d. Modeling
3. Water use in the San Joaquin River Basin and Southern Delta:
 - a. Agriculture
 - b. Fish and wildlife
 - c. Municipal and industrial
 - d. Hydroelectric power
 - e. Diversions to storage
 - f. Priority of diversions
4. Factors Affecting Salinity in the San Joaquin River Basin and Southern Delta:
 - a. Contributions of salinity from various factors
 - b. Current control efforts
 - c. Climate change
 - d. Modeling

5. Protection of Agricultural Beneficial Uses in the Southern Delta Related to Salinity:
 - a. Salinity objectives
 - b. Flows
 - c. Barriers
 - d. Source control options
 - e. Current and future regulatory processes
 - f. Other considerations
 - g. Modeling

6. Factors Affecting Fish and Wildlife Beneficial Uses in the San Joaquin River:
 - a. Flow quantity and timing
 - b. Temperature
 - c. Habitat
 - d. Dissolved oxygen
 - e. Contaminants
 - f. Entrainment
 - g. Predation
 - h. Climate change
 - i. Modeling

7. Protection of Fish and Wildlife Beneficial Uses in the San Joaquin River :
 - a. Flow objectives
 - b. Barriers
 - c. Temperature control
 - d. Habitat
 - e. Dissolved oxygen
 - f. Contaminants control
 - g. Entrainment control
 - h. Other considerations
 - i. Modeling

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Participants are required to provide their written materials/comments to the State Water Board by 12:00 Noon on April 6, 2009. During the workshop, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop in which participants have an opportunity to participate, time limits may be imposed on oral presentations. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

The State Water Board requests that 15 copies of written materials/comments be sent to:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Hand and special deliveries can be delivered to:

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Cal/EPA Headquarters
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Participants are encouraged to also submit their materials/comments electronically. Documents submitted electronically must be in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). Electronic submittals to the State Water Board of documents less than 15 megabytes in total size (incoming mail server attachment limitation) may be sent via electronic mail to: bay-delta@waterboards.ca.gov, with a subject of "Comment Letter –Southern Delta Salinity/San Joaquin River Flows WQCP Workshop." Electronic submittals to the State Water Board of documents greater than 15 megabytes in total size should be sent by regular mail in PDF format on compact disk (CD) media. The State Water Board will post on its website copies of all comments submitted for the workshop for the information of and use by other participants. Each participant is requested to bring additional copies of any written submittals to the workshop for the use of the other participants.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Chris Carr, Environmental Scientist, at (916) 341-5305 or ccarr@waterboards.ca.gov, or Erin Mahaney, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5187 or emahaney@waterboards.ca.gov.


PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

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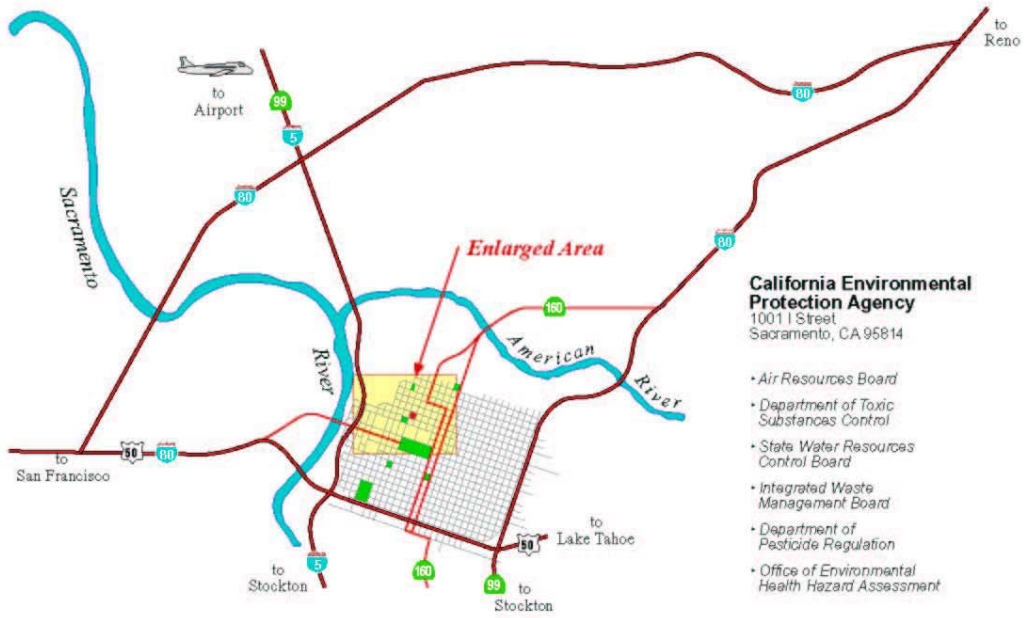
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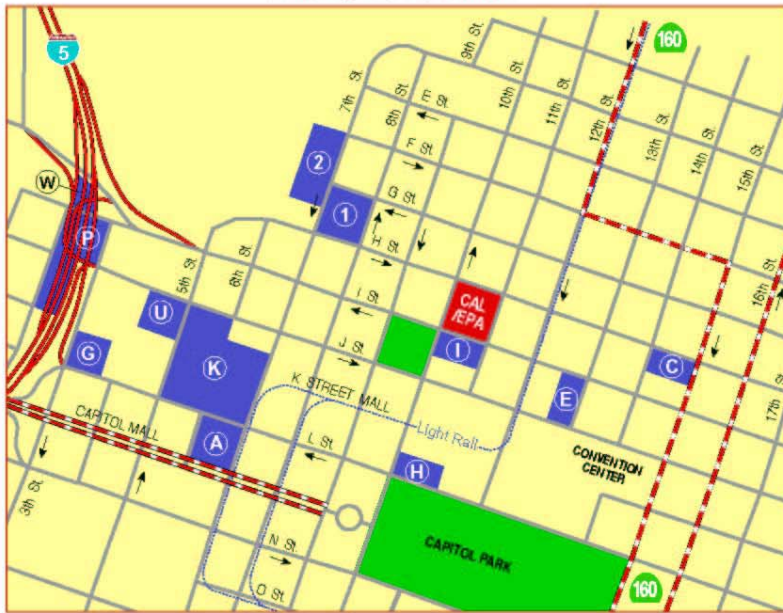


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

Attachment



Parking Lot Locations



Parking Lot Locations

- Lot 1 (7th & G St.)
- Lot 2 (7th & G St.)
- Lot A (7th & Capitol)
- Lot C (14th & H St.)
- Lot G (3rd & L)
- Lot H (10th & L)
- Lot I (10th & I, 11th & I)
- Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)
- Lot P (2nd & I)
- Lot U (5th & J)
- Lot W (2nd & I St.)