Agricultural Expert Panel Meeting #5

Monday June 23, 2014 – 8:00 AM
Irrigation Training and Research Center
California Polytechnic State University, SLO
1 Grand Ave, Building 08A, Room 022
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

THIS MEETING IS A CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CHAPTER 1 OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2008 (SBX2 1, PERATA) REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE – RECOMMENDATION 14, EXPERT PANEL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMATION. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE EXPERT PANEL. A QUORUM OF STATE WATER BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE, BUT NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order

2. Declaration of a quorum
   Dr. Charles Burt, Panel Chair; Dr. Robert Hutmacher; Till Angermann; Bill Brush; Daniel Munk; James duBois; Mark McKean; Dr. Lowell Zelinski

3. Housekeeping announcements

4. Panel introduction and opening remarks by panel members

5. Review Agenda

6. Public Comments (Any member of the public may present comments or remarks to the Panel. Commenters will be limited to 2 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chair. Commenters will be asked to fill out a speaker card if they wished to be called to speak.)

7. Panel discussion on questions presented to the panel and formulation of recommendations

8. Adjournment
Background
Chapter 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2008 (SBX2 1, Perata), required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop pilot projects focusing on nitrate in groundwater in the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley, and to submit a report to the Legislature on the scope and findings of the pilot projects, including recommendations. The State Water Board made 15 recommendations in 4 key areas to address the issues associated with nitrate contaminated groundwater. The key areas to address these issues are:

1. Providing safe drinking water.
3. Nitrogen tracking and reporting.
4. Protecting groundwater.

Expert Panel
Recommendation 14 of the State Water Board’s report to the Legislature was to convene a panel of experts to assess existing agricultural nitrate control programs and develop recommendations, as needed, to ensure that ongoing efforts are protective of groundwater supply quality. The State Water Board has contracted with the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC), a center established within the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo to assemble the expert panel of 8 persons. The Expert Panel members have been selected and presented with questions for their consideration. Information about the panel members and their charge is available on the ITRC website at http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm.

Schedule (some dates may be changed at a later date and all changes will be noticed).

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July 28th, 2014  |  Advisory Committee Meeting  |  Cal/EPA Building Sierra Hearing Room, Sacramento

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Project information, including meeting notices, agendas, meeting minutes, and other pertinent material/documents will be posted online at [http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm](http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm) and at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/).

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Please direct any questions about this agenda to Johnny Gonzales at (916) 341-5510 or Ashley Zellmer at (916) 341-5911.

**Expert Panel Report Drafting Public Meeting Location Maps**
June 9 & 23, 2014: Irrigation Training and Research Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
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