

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Non-Regulatory Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, and the Tulare Lake Basin, to Provide a Cost Estimate and Potential Sources of Financing for the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adopting amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans). The proposed amendments will provide a cost estimate and potential sources of financing for its Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). The alternatives for the Long-Term ILRP are described in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report certified by the Board by Resolution R5-2011-0017. After hearing testimony, the Central Valley Water Board may choose to act on the proposal, or may choose to continue or close the hearing and vote on the proposal at a future meeting. The public hearing, to be conducted during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, is scheduled at the time and location noted below:

Date: 12/13/14 October 2011 (the exact date will be identified in the meeting agenda at least 10 days prior to the meeting)

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Regional Water Quality Control Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

A draft staff report will be prepared to describe the rationale for the proposed amendments. Beginning 1 July 2011, interested persons may download the draft staff report for the proposed Basin Plan amendments in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/

A copy of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's offices in Rancho Cordova or Fresno:

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114
weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [Brett Stevens -916-464-4642]

1685 "E" Street, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93706-2007 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [Pam Buford – 559-445-5576]

Written comments must be submitted by **15 August 2011** if they are to receive a written response. After the deadline, staff will not accept written comments

unless the Board Chair determines such comments should be accepted.
Comments shall be addressed to:

Attn: Brett Stevens
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

At the hearing, staff will summarize written comments and will present a final recommendation for Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Brett Stevens at (916) 464-4642 number or bstevens@waterboards.ca.gov. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 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.

Questions regarding this amendment should be directed to Brett Stevens at (916) 464-4642 or bstevens@waterboards.ca.gov. Future notifications regarding this amendment will be made through the mailing list for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml

[Note: Check the box titled "Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program"].

If you have already signed up for the mailing list in the past, you need not sign up a second time. Or, you may fill out the attached form to receive future notifications regarding this amendment via US mail.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

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