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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Surface Water Discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project

On 8 May 2015, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board or Board) released proposed waste discharge requirements and a monitoring and reporting program for surface water discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project (GBP Order). The proposed waste discharge requirements and monitoring and reporting program are being issued to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Electronic copies of the proposed GBP Order are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/grassland_bypass/index.shtml

This Revised Notice removes language suggesting that the Board will allow *ex parte* communications pursuant to Water Code section 13287. Since the proposed GBP Order is *not* a General Order or waiver, Water Code section 13287 does not apply. **All *ex parte* communications in connection with the proposed GBP Order are prohibited.**

Copies of the proposed GBP Order can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A separate set of waste discharge requirements addressing groundwater discharges from the Grassland Drainage Area are being developed concurrently with the GBP Order, and are available for review at the same website/office.

A public hearing concerning the proposed GBP Order will be held in the Rancho Cordova office on 30/31 July 2015. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 30/31 July 2015

Place: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The final meeting agenda will be available at least ten days before the meeting at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the GBP Order, will include links to all material related to the agenda item, and may include staff revisions to the GBP Order.

Written comments on the proposed GBP Order are due by **22 June 2015**. Additional written comments will not be received at the hearing. Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to Margaret.Wong@waterboards.ca.gov. Otherwise, written comments

may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's address to the attention of Margaret Wong. Materials received by 22 June 2015 will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered and a written response to the comments will be prepared by Board staff. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

At the hearing, staff will present a final recommendation for Central Valley Water Board consideration. All persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids.

The regulations governing adjudicatory hearings before the Central Valley Water Board may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq., and are available online at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. Except as provided in Section 648(b), Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedures Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) does not apply to this hearing. Questions regarding the hearing procedure should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Margaret Wong at (916) 464-4857 or Margaret.Wong@waterboards.ca.gov.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 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.

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

Original signed by

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer
1 June 2015