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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Discharges from Irrigated Lands within the Grassland Drainage Area

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board or Board) has released proposed waste discharge requirements general order and a monitoring and reporting program for groundwater discharges for growers that are members of a third-party group within the Grassland Drainage Area (GDA Order). The proposed waste discharge requirements and monitoring and reporting program rely on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution R5-2011-0017) for California Environmental Quality Act compliance. Electronic copies of the proposed GDA Order are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/grassland\\_bypass/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/grassland_bypass/index.shtml)

Copies of the proposed GDA 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 for the Grassland Bypass Project addressing discharges to surface water are being developed concurrently with the GDA Order, and are available for review at the same website/office.

A public hearing concerning the proposed GDA 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/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/). The agenda will provide the hearing date for the GDA Order, will include links to all material related to the agenda item, and may include staff revisions to the GDA Order.

Written comments on the proposed GDA 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](mailto: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.

Ex Parte Communications. Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. **Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for board action.** For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on 16 July 2015. If the Central Valley Water Board does not take action on 30/31 July 2015, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Board Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

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/](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](mailto: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  
8 May 2015