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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of California Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meetings

#### Evaluation of Ammonia Water Quality Objectives for the Protection of Aquatic Life in the Central Valley

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Central Valley Water Board" or "Board") have scheduled public meetings to discuss and solicit comments and suggestions regarding a proposal to evaluate ammonia water quality objectives for the protection of aquatic life in the Central Valley and to amend the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin and Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins* (the "Basin Plans") for the control of discharges of ammonia if needed.

The public meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

#### **RANCHO CORDOVA**

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Office 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

#### **FRESNO**

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 "E" Street  
Fresno, CA 93706-2007

#### **REDDING**

Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 1:00 p.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

Written comments are due by **March 15, 2017**. Please send comments to Xuan (Shuen) Luo at [xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov) or the above addresses.

Although a quorum of Central Valley Water Board members may be present, the Board will not take any action at these meetings. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in ammonia issues in the Central Valley.

The purpose of this early consultation is to solicit input regarding the range of project actions, alternatives, reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, significant and cumulative impacts, and potential mitigation measures that the Board will need to analyze in the course of developing the potential amendment to the Basin Plans. Public comments will assist the Central Valley Water Board in developing the amendment, which may include the establishment of water quality objectives for ammonia and an implementation program to achieve those objectives.

Following the public meetings, staff will review all written and verbal comments to prepare a draft staff report with recommendations for basin plan amendments, if appropriate.

#### **AVAILABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Supporting documents will be available on the Central Valley Water Board website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/basin\\_plans/ammonia\\_wqos/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/ammonia_wqos/index.shtml).

You may also receive a paper copy of scoping materials by contacting Xuan Luo, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; (916) 464-4606; or at [xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov). These materials are also available for inspection at the address above during normal business hours.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Xuan Luo at (916) 464-4606 or [xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov) or to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 or [betty.yee@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:betty.yee@waterboards.ca.gov).

To continue receiving notifications regarding Ammonia Water Quality Objectives, you must sign up for the electronic mailing list or complete the attached form to receive copies of notifications through the mail.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list related to this amendment 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml) (NOTE: Check the box titled "**Central Valley Ammonia WQOs**")

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Xuan Luo (916) 464-4606 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.

*Original Signed By* \_\_\_\_\_

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

1 February 2017

## CONTINUED NOTIFICATIONS

To continue receiving notifications regarding the issues in the attached notice, you **must** sign up for the electronic mailing list or complete the form below and return it to:

Xuan Luo  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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

This Continued Notifications only applies to the issues described in the enclosed notices. If you are not interested in these issues, do nothing and you will remain on the basin plan mailing list for future amendments.

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- Yes, please send notifications to my postal address.
- Yes, please send notifications to my e-mail address.
- I have received multiple paper notifications; please remove duplicates from your database.
- No, I am not interested in these issues but would like to remain on the mailing list.
- You can send notifications to my e-mail address.
- Continue sending notifications to my postal address.
- No, I am not interested in Basin Plan Amendments; please remove me from this mailing list.

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