



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION STRATEGY FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION “ROADMAP”

Background

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) recognizes the critical importance of groundwater quality. The Central Valley Water Board is committed to ongoing programs as well as coordination with other agencies and all stakeholders with an interest in groundwater quality protection. The Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution R5-2008-0181 in support of developing a Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy for the Central Valley Region through an active stakeholder process.

Developing a Roadmap for the Central Valley Region is not initiating a new regulatory program. The intent of developing a Roadmap is to provide a long range planning document that defines the regulatory programs to be enhanced, and identify ways to expand on all partnering opportunities with other federal, state, and/or local agencies to protect groundwater quality.

In August 2009, four public workshops were held to solicit information from stakeholders on groundwater quality protection needs. Workshops were attended by stakeholders representing a variety of interests including: food processors, water purveyors, irrigation districts, conservation districts, rural communities, agricultural interests, federal and state agencies, cities, counties, elected officials, environmental groups, non-profit organizations, and other interested parties.

Following the August 2009 public workshops, Central Valley Water Board staff compiled comments and found that there were several recurrent ideas. Through evaluation of the existing Groundwater Quality Protection Programs and Stakeholders input, the draft Roadmap has been developed. The Central Valley Water Board will be holding workshops to solicit comments on the Draft Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy “Roadmap”. The Roadmap is posted at:

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

The workshops are not the only opportunity to provide comments. Submission of written comments is encouraged and will be accepted via email or hard copy until 5:00 pm on 9 August 2010. Staff will review all comments and incorporate them as appropriate into the final Draft Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy for the Central Valley Region “Roadmap” to be presented at the September 2010 Central Valley Water Board meeting for its consideration

California Environmental Protection Agency



Workshop Meeting Times and Locations

Date:	July 14, 2010	July 16, 2010
Time:	1:00 to 3:00 Chico Public Library	10:30 to 12:30 Central Valley Water Board, Training Room
Address	1108 Sherman Avenue	11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
:	Chico, CA 95926	Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Date:	July 19, 2010	July 20, 2010
Time:	10:00 to 12:00 Fresno County Farm Bureau	6:00 to 8:00 Delano Regional Medical Center, Zacharias Conference Room
Address	1274 W. Hedges	1401 Garces Highway
:	Fresno, CA 93728	Delano, CA 93215

If you plan to attend one of the above workshops please contact Pam Buford at (559) 445-5576 or pbuford@waterboards.ca.gov. Your reply will allow us to plan for meeting room arrangements.

Central Valley Water Board members may attend one or more of the workshops.

The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact Pam Buford at (559) 445-5576 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Pam Buford, at (559) 445-5576 or pbuford@waterboards.ca.gov. To receive future notifications regarding the development of the groundwater strategy, please subscribe to the "Groundwater Quality Issues" mailing list through our webpage at:

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

Written comments may be submitted by mail or electronically on 9 August 2010 by 5:00 pm to:

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