
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

IRRIGATED LANDS WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR PESTICIDE EVALUATION ADVISORY WORKGROUP

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted a series of Waste Discharge Requirements for irrigated lands, which include requirements to monitor pesticides in surface water. The Central Valley Water Board is convening a Pesticide Evaluation Advisory Workgroup to provide input on the process for evaluating and identifying pesticides that may require monitoring. Based on the evaluation factors identified in this process, the Executive Officer will provide the third-party with a list of pesticides that must be considered by the third-parties for inclusion in their monitoring plans. The third-parties will apply the evaluation factors developed in this process to the relevant conditions in each subwatershed and propose the final list of pesticides to be monitored in areas where those pesticides are applied and have the potential to impair water quality.

Notice is hereby given that the Central Valley Water Board is soliciting nominations for members of the Pesticide Evaluation Advisory Workgroup (Advisory Workgroup). The primary role of the Advisory Workgroup will be to:

- Identify relevant evaluation factors for pesticides that may require monitoring, and
- Draft the protocol that the Executive Officer will use to evaluate pesticides and provide the third-parties with a list of pesticides that may require monitoring.

The Advisory Workgroup may identify additional issues to be addressed in the scope of its work, which may include a proposed or recommended process for third-parties to determine monitoring periods and monitoring frequency using previous monitoring results, knowledge of agricultural use patterns, pesticide use trends, chemical characteristics, and other applicable criteria; or a review of factors to be considered in development of trigger limits designed to implement narrative Basin Plan objectives and to protect applicable beneficial uses.

Advisory Workgroup Nomination Process

The Advisory Workgroup will include qualified scientists. The Waste Discharge Requirements define a qualified scientist as a person who has earned a professional degree in a scientific discipline that relates to engineering, environmental science, or chemistry with additional experience related to pesticides and water quality, and is familiar with the related local, state, and federal regulations.

Nominations for the Advisory Workgroup must be received by **13 June 2014** and should include: (1) The nominee's full name, title, affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a resume or curriculum vitae describing the nominee's qualifications; and (4) availability/preferred dates for the first two meetings (see below). Anyone is eligible to nominate members to the Advisory Workgroup, and self-nominations will be accepted. Please

submit nominations to jelena.hartman@waterboards.ca.gov, or at the Central Valley Water Board's address (footer section on the front of this notice).

Meetings of the Advisory Workgroup will be open to the public. The first two meetings will be held shortly after the nomination and selection process have been completed. The tentative date ranges for the meetings are:

- **Advisory Workgroup Meeting #1:** 30 June – 11 July 2014
- **Advisory Workgroup Meeting #2:** 4 – 15 August 2014

Once members of the Advisory Workgroup have been selected by the Executive Officer, a list of the Advisory Workgroup participants, and other information including meeting notices, agendas, and pertinent material will be available online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/new_waste_discharge_requirements/stakeholder_advisory_workgroup/index.shtml.

Persons wishing to receive electronic notices related to this Advisory Workgroup can do so by checking the box titled "Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program", and subscribing at:

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

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Jelena Hartman at (916) 464-4628 or by e-mail at jelena.hartman@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

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