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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

AND

NOTICE OF LONG-TERM IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM DOCUMENT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will hold public hearings to consider three separate actions: 1) certification of the final program environmental impact report (Final PEIR) for the irrigated lands regulatory program; 2) approval of the irrigated lands program regulatory framework; and 3) extension of the existing coalition group conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements.

As part of this notice, staff is making the Recommended Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Framework ("ILRP Framework") available for public review (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_land/long_term_program_development/). Following an extensive public process that included written and oral comments on staff's July 2010 recommended ILRP, staff prepared the ILRP Framework. The Recommended ILRP Framework report includes the ILRP Framework, as well as a summary of the environmental, policy, and cost analysis. The Final PEIR, including errata and response to comments received on the draft PEIR, will be released within 7-10 days and its availability will be noticed separately. The draft resolutions associated with the three actions will be available on the Central Valley Water Board's web site at least ten days prior the Board meeting.

After considering comments on the proposed ILRP Framework, the Central Valley Water Board may choose to select an alternative evaluated in the Final PEIR, select an alternative with revisions, or continue or close the hearing and vote on the proposal at a future meeting. The public hearings are scheduled at the time and location noted below:

Date: 6/7/8 April 2011
Time: To be determined.
Place: Central Valley Water Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Interested persons may download the available documents in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website (see web address above). Copies of these documents 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 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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In order to be included in the agenda package provided to the Central Valley Water Board members, written comments on the recommended ILRP Framework must be received by 5 p.m. 21 March 2011. Please note that, as will be explained in the separate notice on the Final PEIR, the Board will not be accepting written comments on the Final PEIR. Comments on the recommended ILRP Framework can be sent electronically to Adam Laputz (AWLaputz@waterboards.ca.gov) or mailed to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; ATTN: Adam Laputz. Any comments submitted after 21 March and prior to the Board hearing will be provided to the Board members no later than the Central Valley Water Board meeting date.

At the hearing, staff will summarize the written comments on the ILRP Framework and present a final recommendation for Central Valley Water Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearings. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Water Board Chair. The Water Board Chair may, at her discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. In order to verify software compatibility and expedite the presentation, digital presentation files should be submitted no later than 4 April 2011.

The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/agendas/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Central Valley Water Board meeting will be held; indicate the anticipated order of agenda items; include all material related to these agenda items; and may include staff revisions.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839. Any questions regarding the proposed actions should be directed to Adam Laputz at (916) 464-4848 or AWLaputz@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 Joe Karkoski, Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer
for*

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