REVISED NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING[1]

Concerning

Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) to Incorporate a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program

PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM A SPLIT HEARING (22 MARCH 2018 AND 31 MAY 2018) TO A SINGLE HEARING (31 MAY/1 JUNE 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board will accept comments regarding proposed amendments (the "Proposed Amendments") to the Basin Plans. The Proposed Amendments will establish a Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program. The Salt and Nitrate Control Program will provide a framework for the Board to regulate salt and nitrate throughout the Central Valley in a sustainable manner, while ensuring that groundwater users whose wells are impacted with nitrates are provided safe drinking water supplies.

The Proposed Amendments under consideration include:

- Nitrate Permitting Strategy
  - Individual Conservative Permitting Pathway
  - Alternative Management Zone Permitting Pathway
- Salinity Management Strategy
  - Conservative Permitting Pathway
  - Alternative Salinity Permitting Pathway
- Guidance to Implement Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels
- Revision of the Salinity Variance Policy
- Revision of the Exceptions Policy
- Drought and Water Conservation Policy
- Offsets Policy
- Conditional Prohibition
- Surveillance & Monitoring Plan
- Definitions specific to the proposed control program

The Board's Basin Planning Program is considered a certified regulatory program, which means that the Board is exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report for basin planning activities under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080.5; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15251(g).) The Board's environmental review of the Proposed Amendments is instead contained in a draft Staff Report, which is considered part of

[1] Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.

the substitute environmental documentation (SED), and which will be posted on the Board's website (below) along with the Proposed Amendments no later than **19 March 2018**:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity

Copies of the Proposed Amendments and draft SED 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. Staff contact information: Glenn Meeks at (916) 464-4701 or glenn.meeks@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the Proposed Amendments and draft SED from **19 March 2018** through **4 May 2018**. Written comments must be received at the above email or postal address by **noon on Friday, 4 May 2018** in order for them to be included in the administrative record.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board has scheduled a hearing on the following dates to receive oral comments and consider adoption of the Proposed Amendments and draft SED:

Date: 31 May/1 June 2018
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

At the May/June hearing, the Board will consider all timely comments concerning the Proposed Amendments and draft SED along with any responses provided by Board staff, and will consider adoption of the Proposed Amendments and SED, including any proposed revisions to either. The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. Oral comments made at the May hearing will be limited in scope to those issues already raised during the public comment period. Oral presentations will be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair.

The meeting 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 five working days prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring language translation services are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 14 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

1 March 2018
Date