
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT,
PUBLIC HEARING, AND FILING¹**

Concerning

An Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin to Remove the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) and Agricultural Supply (AGR) Beneficial Uses Within a Designated Horizontal and Vertical Portion of the Tulare Lake Bed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board will accept comments regarding a proposed amendment (the "Proposed Amendment") to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plan). The Proposed Amendment will remove the MUN and AGR Beneficial Uses within a designated horizontal and vertical portion of the Tulare Lake Bed.

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 Basin Plan Amendment is instead contained in a draft Staff Report, which is considered part of the "substitute environmental documentation" or "SED", and which will be posted on the Board's website (below) along with the Proposed Amendment no later than **9 January 2017**:

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

Copies of the Proposed Amendment and draft Staff Report also can be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office in Rancho Cordova at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 or at their Fresno office at 1685 E Street, Fresno CA 93706, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Staff contact information: Glenn Meeks at (916) 464-4701, Glenn.Meeks@waterboards.ca.gov in the Rancho Cordova office or Bethany Soto at (559) 445-6077, Bethany.Soto@waterboards.ca.gov in the Fresno office.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the Proposed Amendment and draft Staff Report from **9 January 2017** through **23 February 2017**. Written comments must be submitted to the above email or postal address by **23 February 2017**. Absent a ruling from the Board Chair, late comments will not be included in the administrative record.

NOTICE IS ALSO 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 Amendment and approval of the SED.

Date: 6 and 7 April 2017 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall
808 4th Street
Clovis, CA 93612

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

At the April hearing, the Board will provide members of the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies the opportunity to present oral comments to the Board on the Proposed Amendment and the adequacy of the SED. The Board will consider all timely comments concerning the Proposed Amendment and draft SED along with any responses provided by Board staff, and will consider adoption of the Proposed Amendment and approval of the 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 presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson and to contact Glenn Meeks at Glenn.Meeks@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 22 March 2017 if they anticipate requiring more than three minutes for oral comments. All exhibits presented at the hearings, including charts, graphs, and other testimony, must be left with the Board and will become part of the administrative record.

The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda 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-Rizzarda 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

1/9/17

Date