

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
concerning
A BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY BENEFICIAL USES OF
AND ESTABLISH WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR MERCURY
IN SULPHUR CREEK

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) that would determine that certain beneficial uses are not applicable and establish water quality objectives for mercury in Sulphur Creek (Colusa County), a tributary to Bear Creek in the Cache Creek watershed. As part of amending the Basin Plan, the Water Board will consider certification of the draft environmental documents prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code and Title 23 California Code of Regulations sections 3775-3782. After hearing testimony, the Water Board may choose to act on the proposed amendment or the Water Board may choose to close the hearings and vote on the proposed amendment at a subsequent meeting. The public hearing, to be conducted during the March 2007 Water Board meeting, is scheduled at the time and location noted below:

Date: 15/16 March 2007
Time: 8:30 am
Place: Regional Water Quality Control Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Draft environmental documents, which conclude no adverse impact to the environment, have been prepared for the proposed amendments. Interested persons may download the draft staff report for the proposed Basin Plan amendments, which includes the environmental documentation required under CEQA, in PDF format from the Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/tmdl/sulphur-creek/index.html>. Copies of these documents also can be obtained by contacting the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3281 or visiting the office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

In order to be included in the written response to comments that is a part of the final administrative record, written comments should be submitted by 28 February 2007 to

Karen Larsen, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. At the hearing on 15/16 March 2007 staff will summarize the written comments and present a final recommendation for Water Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Water Board at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Water Board Chair.

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the proposed amendments must be directed to Karen Larsen at (916) 464-4646 or klarsen@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.

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Kenneth D. Landau
Assistant Executive Officer
19 January 2007