



Matthew Rodriquez, Secretary

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### DRINKING WATER REORGANIZATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Health and Human Services Agency will hold a public meeting concerning the proposed transfer of the Drinking Water Program, currently under the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The public meeting will be held as follows:

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Joe Serna Jr. – Cal/EPA Headquarters Building**  
**Byron Sher Auditorium**  
**1001 I Street, Second Floor**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present, however no action will be taken. The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain input to inform the proposed transfer of the Drinking Water Program.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In summer, 2013, the Administration released a [White Paper](#) describing its proposal to transfer the Drinking Water Program. This transfer is intended to align the state's drinking water and water quality programs in an integrated organizational structure. This structure will best position the state to effectively protect water quality and meet both current needs and future demands on water resulting from climate change, increasing population, and economic growth, while still maintaining a strong public health focus. The Administration's objectives include continued focused attention on supporting small and disadvantaged communities to address their unique drinking water needs.

In September, 2013, the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of California Health and Human Services jointly convened a Drinking Water Reorganization Task Force composed of 33 representatives of water agencies, environmental justice/disadvantaged communities, legislative staff, local health officers, local environmental health officers, environmental groups, and other entities. The Task Force met a total of seven times to provide input on key elements of the transition, including the regulatory function of the Drinking Water Program and maintaining its public health focus; providing financial assistance for drinking water projects, including projects in disadvantaged communities; and setting Maximum Contaminant

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Levels (MCLs). The Secretaries will use this input, as well as input received at the Public Meeting, to inform the Transition Plan that they will complete by February 14, 2014. The Administration's White Paper and Proposals relating to the transfer will be posted at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinkingwater/> by January 3, 2013.

#### **WEBCAST OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A broadcast of the meeting is planned via the Internet, to be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

#### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Cal/EPA Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's Web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The Cal/EPA building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions may be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Haven, Director of Transitions, State Water Resources Control Board, at (916) 341-5457 or [Liz.Haven@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Liz.Haven@waterboards.ca.gov).

A Spanish version of this Notice is available here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinkingwater/docs/notice\\_mtg011514\\_sv.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinkingwater/docs/notice_mtg011514_sv.pdf)

Spanish translation services will be provided at the meeting.

Date: December 26, 2013