



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region




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**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Jenny Newman   
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**DATE:** August 6, 2010

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ORDER TO  
CONDITIONALLY WAIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS**

On October 7, 2010, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) will consider a tentative order to conditionally waive waste discharge requirements for discharges from irrigated lands (Conditional Waiver). The adoption of the Conditional Waiver will also implement the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Toxaphene in the Santa Clara River Estuary.

**A public hearing is scheduled for  
Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.  
City of Simi Valley Council Chambers  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road  
Simi Valley, CA 93063**

The Regional Board will act on the proposed item after hearing staff's presentation and public comments. The tentative Conditional Waiver, the tentative Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, TMDL technical documents, and other supporting documents are available on the Regional Board website.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/waivers/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/tmdl/waivers/index.shtml)

Written comments and exhibits must be received by the Regional Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2010. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 649.4). Comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
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### **Background on the Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands**

Pursuant to California Water Code section 13269, the Regional Board will consider a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Conditional Waiver). The objectives of the Conditional Waiver are to monitor the water quality impacts from irrigated agriculture discharges and mitigate those impacts as necessary. Agricultural activities can generate pollutants such as sediment, pesticides, and nutrients that upon discharge to water bodies can degrade water quality, impair beneficial uses, and cause nuisance conditions. The intent of the Conditional Waiver program is to attain water quality objectives in waters of the state by regulating the discharges from irrigated agriculture lands within the Los Angeles Region. In accordance with California Water Code section 13269(2), if adopted, this Conditional Waiver will be effective for five years.

The proposed Conditional Waiver requires dischargers to comply individually with the waiver conditions or to participate in a group that complies with the waiver conditions. The key provisions of the waiver require dischargers to:

- Enroll under the Conditional Waiver as a member of a Discharger Group or as an Individual Discharger.
- Conduct wet- and dry-weather water quality monitoring.
- Develop and submit a Water Quality Management Plan.
- Implement best management practices in accordance with approved water quality management plans to attain water quality objectives.
- Submit annual monitoring reports.