



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Public Workshops

concerning

The 2013 Joint Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is beginning the process of reviewing its Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans). The Basin Plans cover all the watersheds of the Central Valley from the Oregon state border to the northern tip of Los Angeles County. The Basin Plans identify beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establish water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and describe an implementation plan to achieve water quality objectives.

The Central Valley Water Board will hold two public workshops to receive comments on basin plan elements that may need amendment. The purpose of the triennial review is to identify high priority basin planning issues that the Central Valley Water Board will direct basin planning efforts over the next three years. Amendments to the basin plan may occur as a result of the triennial review priorities but are not part of the triennial review process. The triennial review process does not include consideration of waste discharge requirements, waivers of waste discharge requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, or other regulatory matters.

The public workshops will be held before the Central Valley Water Board. No action will be taken on the triennial review during these workshops; however, the Central Valley Water Board may provide direction to staff. Time limits may be imposed on interested persons. The public workshops are scheduled as follows:

Date: 24 October 2012
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Central Valley Water Board office
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Date: 6/7 December 2012 (please contact the Regional Water Board office two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date)
Time: 8:30 am
Place: Central Valley Water Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 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.

In order to have comments summarized by staff during the public workshop, the public is encouraged to submit written comments by **10 October 2012** on basin planning issues for the Central Valley Water Board to consider in this triennial review. Comments should be submitted to Betty Yee, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 or to Bethany Soto, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706. In the comments, please provide a detailed description of the issue, a brief statement of reasons for the addition or deletion of an issue, and recommendation on the priority that should be given to that particular issue. At the workshops, interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board. Comments on either Basin Plan may be presented at either workshop.

Following the workshops, staff will review oral and written comments and prepare final recommendations in work plans for Central Valley Water Board consideration at a future public hearing. Staff will identify which issues are expected to be addressed in the next three years with existing resources and which require additional resources. The work plans will be available for comments prior to the hearing.

Additional information regarding the triennial review is available in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennialreviews.shtml

Copies of this document 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 or 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions regarding this triennial review should be directed to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 or byee@waterboards.ca.gov or to Bethany Soto at (559) 445-6077 or bsoto@waterboards.ca.gov. Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml

Check either or both of the boxes titled "Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Sacramento & San Joaquin River Basins" and "Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Tulare Lake Basin."

If you have already signed up for the mailing list in the past, you need not sign up a second time. All future information and notifications pertaining to this triennial review will be provided electronically through this subscription service, and to those interested parties who have requested notification via US mail.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Signed by Frederick Moss for
Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

7 September 2012