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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT,  
PUBLIC HEARING, AND FILING<sup>1</sup>**

Concerning

AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS TO REMOVE THE MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY (MUN) BENEFICIAL USE IN TWELVE CONSTRUCTED AND/OR MODIFIED WATER BODIES IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER BASIN THAT RECEIVE TREATED MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FROM THE CITIES OF BIGGS, COLUSA, LIVE OAK OR WILLOWS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will accept comments regarding the development of an amendment (the "Proposed Amendment") to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The Proposed Amendment would remove the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use in twelve constructed and/or modified water bodies in the Sacramento River Basin that receive treated municipal wastewater from the cities of Biggs, Colusa, Live Oak or Willows. The Proposed Amendment includes the following:

- Removal of the MUN beneficial use from twelve water bodies in the Sacramento River Basin that meet exception 2b in the State Water Resources Control Board's Sources of Drinking Water Policy (Resolution No. 88-63), which applies to water in systems designed or modified for the primary purpose of conveying or holding agricultural drainage waters.
- Monitoring and surveillance provisions consistent with Resolution No. 88-63, to assure that discharges from the systems comply with relevant water quality objectives.

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 Amendments is instead contained in a draft Staff Report, which is considered to be "substitute environmental documentation" or "SED", and which will be posted on the Board's website (below) along with the Proposed Amendment no later than **5 January 2015**:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/salinity/mun\\_beneficial\\_use/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/mun_beneficial_use/index.shtml)

Copies of the Proposed Amendment and draft SED also can be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Staff contact information: Anne Littlejohn, (916) 464-4840, [alittlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:alittlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.

The Board is inviting the public and other agencies to submit written comments on the Proposed Amendments and draft SED from **5 January 2015** through **20 February 2015**. Written comments must be submitted to the above email or postal address by **20 February 2015** in order for them to be included in the administrative record.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Central Valley Water Board has scheduled a hearing on the following dates to receive oral comments regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and draft SED:

**Date:** 5 to 6 February 2015 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

At the February hearing, Board staff will provide the Board with initial recommendations regarding the Proposed Amendment and draft SED. The Board will provide members of the public and representatives of other agencies the opportunity to present oral comments on the Proposed Amendment and the adequacy of the SED. Though the Board may provide direction to Board staff, the Board will not take action on the Proposed Amendment at the February hearing.

Speakers are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. 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.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Central Valley Water Board has scheduled a hearing on the following dates to consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and draft SED:

**Date:** 16 to 17 April 2015 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Fresno Office  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

Following the February hearing, Board staff will review comments received and prepare responses and final recommendations for the Board's consideration. At the April hearing, the Board will receive final recommendations from Board staff, and will consider adoption of the Proposed Amendment and SED. The final meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The meeting 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 five 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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Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

22 December 2014  
Date