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**Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed revisions to the Waste Discharge Requirements for Growers  
within the Western San Joaquin River Watershed (R5-2014-0002-R1)**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) is proposing to revise Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2014-0002-R1 for Growers within the Western San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-party Group (the "Western San Joaquin Order"). The proposed revisions will modify the Western San Joaquin River Watershed boundary to correspond to the corrected description of the area served by the Grassland Bypass Project, which defines the southern boundary of the Western San Joaquin River Watershed.

Electronic copies of documents showing the proposed revisions to the Western San Joaquin Order are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/irrigated\\_lands/new\\_waste\\_discharge\\_requirements/western\\_sanjoaquin\\_watershed\\_wdrs/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/new_waste_discharge_requirements/western_sanjoaquin_watershed_wdrs/index.shtml)

Copies of these documents 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, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A public hearing concerning the proposed revisions to the Western San Joaquin Order will be held at the Board's Rancho Cordova office on 30/31 July 2015. The Board will only consider adoption of the proposed revisions, and will not be re-considering other aspects of the Western San Joaquin Order. The hearing date and location are noted below:

**Date:** 30/31 July 2015

**Meeting Start Time:** 8:30 am

**Place:** Central Valley Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The final meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the revisions to the Western San Joaquin Order, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

Written comments on the proposed revisions to the Western San Joaquin Order are due by **25 July 2015**. Additional written comments will not be received at the hearing. Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to [gurbinder.dhaliwal@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gurbinder.dhaliwal@waterboards.ca.gov). Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's address to the attention of Gurbinder Dhaliwal. Materials received

by 25 July 2015 will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered and a written response to the comments will be prepared by Board staff. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

At the hearing, Board staff will present a final recommendation for the Central Valley Water Board's consideration. All persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids.

Ex Parte Communications. Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. **Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for Board action.** For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on 16 July 2015. If the Central Valley Water Board does not take action on 30/31 July 2015, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Board Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

The regulations governing adjudicatory hearings before the Central Valley Water Board may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq., and are available online at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. Except as provided in Section 648(b), Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedures Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) does not apply to this hearing. Questions regarding the hearing procedure should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Gurbinder Dhaliwal at (916) 464-4601 or [gurbinder.dhaliwal@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gurbinder.dhaliwal@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.

*Original signed by Andrew Altevogt for*

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer  
25 June 2015