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State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION**

**PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE DISCONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS  
REGARDING A STATEWIDE APPROACH TO ADDRESSING WATER QUALITY IMPACTS  
FROM LIVESTOCK GRAZING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the proposed draft resolution for the discontinuation of discussions regarding a statewide approach to addressing water quality impacts from livestock grazing.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed draft resolution at its regularly scheduled meeting. The date, time, and location of the meeting are:

**September 16, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.  
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Currently, the nine Regional Water Boards regulate the potential impacts to water quality from grazing operations, on a region-by-region basis. In 2013, the staffs from the State Water Board and all nine Regional Water Boards, led by the Lahontan Regional Water Board, were directed to assess whether there could be improvements in efficiency and statewide consistency of their regulatory programs, while still accounting for regional differences. Five Focused Listening Sessions were held across the state to solicit comments from stakeholder groups. These meetings yielded valuable feedback. Principal among the feedback was that regional differences in rangeland type, grazing practices and water quality factors supported a regional approach to grazing rather than a statewide approach.

The proposed resolution would direct staff to discontinue discussions regarding a statewide grazing approach. The resolution would also direct Regional Water Boards to assess their current regulatory and/or non-regulatory strategies, and to consider adapting these strategies to include implementation of best management practices (BMPs) that are supported by current information. These strategies would consider regional differences in hydrology, topography,

climate, and land use, and include watershed-wide or regional monitoring programs to assess the effectiveness of the BMPs implemented under regulatory or non-regulatory actions.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The proposed draft resolution and all related documents are available to view or download on the State Water Board's Web site at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/nps/grap.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/grap.shtml)

Interested parties may request a paper copy by contacting Rachael Tadlock at (916) 341-5568 or [Rachael.Tadlock@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Rachael.Tadlock@waterboards.ca.gov)

#### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept public comments on the proposed draft mitigation fee delegation resolution. Written comments must be received by 12:00 noon on September 3, 2015 and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Grazing Regulatory Action Project**"

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Participants are encouraged to submit written comments prior to the meeting, in accordance with the deadline specified above. At the meeting, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations.

To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/board\\_presentations.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml).

#### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.


The CalEPA 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. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct questions about this notice to Jodi Pontureri, Environmental Scientist, at (916) 341-5306 ([Jodi.Pontureri@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jodi.Pontureri@waterboards.ca.gov)) or Kim Niemeyer, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5547 ([Kim.Niemeyer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kim.Niemeyer@waterboards.ca.gov)).

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August 21, 2015  
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Clerk to the Board