

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR OCEAN WATERS AND ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES TO ADDRESS DESALINATION FACILITIES AND BRINE DISPOSAL

June 6, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff has postponed a public workshop scheduled for June 6, 2012 to provide information about proposed amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California* (Ocean Plan) and the *Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan). ***The workshop has been postponed until further notice.***

The focus of the workshop is to present to the public the results of (1) an expert panel on brine discharges, (2) an expert panel on intake impacts and mitigation, and (3) preliminary results from a scientific study to determine the tolerance of Ocean Plan test species to various concentrations of hyper-saline brine.

The workshop has been postponed because a stakeholder has requested more time to review the various reports. Although the workshop is intended as an informational meeting, this request serves the public interest because the report from the expert panel on brine discharges was not finalized and posted until May 29, 2012, and the draft report for the brine toxicity study has not yet been finalized.

The workshop will be rescheduled when staff has a draft report for the brine toxicity study to share with the public.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

All relevant documents will be made available electronically on the State Water Board Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/desalination/.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Date



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