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To: All Interested Parties of the Total Residual Chlorine and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants Policy of California

REVISED PROPOSAL DRAFT ON TOTAL RESIDUAL CHLORINE AND CHLORINE-PRODUCED OXIDANTS POLICY OF CALIFORNIA

Background

In 1985, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published revised water quality criteria for chlorine and recommended the adoption of these criteria for freshwater and saltwater. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) may consider adoption of the recommended USEPA criteria and will provide a proposed chlorine implementation Policy to accompany the objectives. The proposed Policy will provide protection to aquatic life beneficial uses and a consistent statewide approach.

During the State Water Board's chlorine-scoping meeting held July 7, 2005, stakeholders requested additional meetings to discuss and address alternatives to the proposed draft *Total Residual Chlorine and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants Policy of California*. State Water Board members Tam Doduc and Peter Silva attended the scoping meeting and agreed to hold two additional meetings. The additional stakeholder meetings were held on September 26, 2005 in Northern California at East Bay Municipal Utility District located in Oakland and on September 29, 2005 at Metropolitan Water District Headquarters in Los Angeles. Further alternatives were discussed, additional data were provided, and revisions have been made to the original Policy document.

Request

The purpose of this notice is to request an informal review of the revised proposed draft *Total Residual Chlorine and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants Policy of California*. This provides an opportunity for interested parties to "test drive" the Policy prior to, but not in lieu of, the official public process and prior to a State Water Board hearing.

Test-driving the proposed draft Policy allows each discharger an opportunity to understand the aspects of implementation specific to their facility and provide a better understanding of the requirements that may be asked of chlorine users.

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All Interested Parties

For those dischargers that currently have continuous monitoring capabilities and would like to provide informal comments, please supply all supporting monitoring data with the comments. Monitoring should consist of raw data recorded to the third decimal place and supplied in an excel spreadsheet.

Persons wishing to make recommendations or provide information should submit comments (preferably in electronic format) to Mrs. Dena McCann at dmccann@waterboards.ca.gov. This informal review will be made available for three weeks from the date of this notice.

To obtain a copy of the revised draft chlorine Policy, please visit www.waterboards.ca.gov/iswp/chlorine.html. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Dena McCann at 916-323-9690 or Rik Rasmussen, Chief of the Planning, Standards, and Implementation Unit, at 916-341-5549.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tom Howard

