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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

DEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN WATER CONSERVATION REGULATORY PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – 10 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a workshop to consider information regarding the development of an urban water conservation regulatory program. Information regarding the necessity, scope and content of such a regulatory program is requested.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the “Strategic Workplan for Activities in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary” (Bay-Delta Workplan) on July 16, 2008. Among many elements, the Bay-Delta Workplan contains proposed actions to address water use efficiency for urban and agricultural water users. The actions include an assessment of whether any or all of the 14 Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified in the California Urban Water Conservation Council Memorandum of Understanding should be mandated. The State Water Board is considering whether to develop a regulatory program and, if so, what the regulatory program should be. Based on input received at the workshop, the State Water Board may direct its staff to develop a regulatory program and prepare appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.

MEETING PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit public input on the scope of urban water conservation actions and the type of regulatory program, if any, the State Water Board should consider. Staff will present an overview of water conservation in the context of the state’s water supply and protection of the Bay-Delta system and potential water conservation actions. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the workshop.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposal to mandate water conservation actions. All written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on September 23, 2008**, and should be 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 by e-mail to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. For letters and e-mail submittals, please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter-Proposal to Mandate Water Conservation Management Practices.”** Electronic submission via e-mail is preferred.

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

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A [discussion paper](#) for this workshop may be obtained via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans.

Paper copies of the discussion paper are available upon request by writing or calling:

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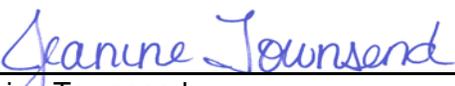
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Interested parties may subscribe to an e-mail list serve for future notices about this and other water conservation activities at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. Select Water Conservation.

Please direct technical questions about this notice to Rich Mills at (916) 341-5739 or rmills@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date August 22, 2008



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