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State Water Resources Control Board

## NOTICE OF STAFF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

### STAFF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP REGARDING THE ANALYTICAL TOOLS USED TO DEVELOP THE AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY AND SUPPORTING REVISED SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resource Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a two-day public technical workshop to provide information and answer questions from the public regarding the analytical tools used to develop the proposed updates (Plan Amendment) to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* (Bay-Delta Plan) and the recirculated draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED). Details of the public technical workshop are below.

**Monday, December 5 and 12, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

Joe Serna, Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast available at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

#### WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The purpose of this staff workshop is to assist interested persons in their review of the proposed Plan Amendment and the SED. The workshop is intended to provide technical information and an explanation of the analytical tools used in developing the proposed Plan Amendment and the recirculated draft SED. The workshop will include staff presentations on the following topics:

##### December 5, 2016

- Water Supply Effects (WSE) Model methods and results
- HEC5Q Temperature Model methods and results
- Ecological benefits of flow alternatives

##### December 12, 2016

- Overview of impacts analysis
- Groundwater use methodology and results
- Agricultural economic effects and Statewide Agricultural Production (SWAP) Model
- Regional agricultural economic effects and IMPLAN multipliers
- Salinity and agriculture effects
- City and County of San Francisco effects

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the analytical tools and analyses at the end of each staff presentation.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal Clean Water Act require the State Water Board to regularly review and, as appropriate, revise the Bay-Delta Plan. The Bay-Delta Plan, last updated in 2006 (the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan), identifies beneficial uses of water in the Bay-Delta estuary, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and a program of implementation to achieve the water quality objectives. The proposed Plan Amendment includes new and revised San Joaquin River flow objectives for the protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses, a revised salinity water quality objective for the protection of southern Delta agricultural beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for those objectives. The proposed flow objectives would require increased flows from three eastside, salmon-bearing tributaries to the San Joaquin River: the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced rivers. The proposed Plan Amendment also includes non-regulatory updates.

On September 15, 2016, the State Water Board released the proposed Plan Amendment and the recirculated draft SED for public comment. The State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the Plan Amendment and the SED; the hearing will begin November 29, 2016. Written comments must be received no later than noon on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Information on the public hearing and how to submit written comment is available on the State Water Board website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar).

Additional information on the Plan Amendment is available at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/DeltaWQCP-Phase1>.

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but no action will be taken at the workshop. The workshop will be informal. While the workshop will include an opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the analytical tools, time for questions may be limited to ensure a productive and efficient workshop.

## **FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS**

The State Water Board will hold the public technical workshop at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time and place will be provided by notices sent via the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed Plan Amendment and SED must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up, access the E-mail List Subscription form, click on the "Water Rights" title bar, select the box for "Bay Delta Notices" and provide the required information. The form is located at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml#rights](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml#rights)

## **PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY AND SECURITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building and public parking information, please refer to: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. The CalEPA Headquarters Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the workshop. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Headquarters Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the auditorium.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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