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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BOARD WORKSHOP¹ AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT TECHNICAL REPORT

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR ALTERNATIVE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FLOW AND SOUTHERN DELTA SALINITY OBJECTIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.
and continuing if necessary, on
Friday, January 7, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.
in the
Coastal Hearing Room
Joe Serna, Jr. /Cal-EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to receive comments and other technical information related to its draft Technical Report on the scientific basis for alternative San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity objectives (Draft Technical Report). The information and tools described in the draft Technical Report are intended to provide the State Water Board with the scientific information and tools needed to consider potential changes to the San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity objectives included in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (2006 Bay-Delta Plan), and a program of implementation to achieve these objectives. This workshop is being held to determine whether: 1) this information and these tools are sufficient to inform the State Water Board's decision-making to establish San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity objectives and a program of implementation to achieve these objectives; and 2) the State Water Board should consider additional information or tools to evaluate and establish San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity objectives, and a program of implementation to achieve these objectives. Through this process, the State Water Board will develop the tools it will then use to prepare the Substitute Environmental Document (SED) and any revisions to the objectives.

The State Water Board will provide for an independent peer review of the scientific basis and modeling contained in the Technical Report following the workshop. Comments received during the workshop will inform what, if any, changes should be made to the Technical Report prior to the scientific peer review. Comments received as part of this workshop along with the scientific peer review comments will also inform the State Water Board's review of the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives in the Bay-Delta Plan.

¹ A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at these workshops. No final action will be taken.

FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will begin with a staff presentation of the Draft Technical Report followed by panel discussions by State Water Board staff and technical experts on the following topics discussed in the draft Technical Report: 1) hydrologic analysis of the San Joaquin River Basin; 2) scientific basis for developing alternate San Joaquin River flow objectives; 3) scientific basis for developing alternative southern Delta salinity objectives; and 4) water supply impacts of potential alternative San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity objectives. The panelists and State Water Board staff will be given the opportunity to discuss and answer a series of topic-specific questions related to the draft Technical Report and, if time allows, on the comments and other material submitted by participants. State Water Board members or staff may direct questions to individual participants or entire panels. The public may submit questions related to the four topics for the State Water Board to consider asking the panelists. Instructions for submitting comments and participating in the workshop are provided below. The deadline for submitting comments and requesting to participate on the panels is Monday, December 6, 2010, and the deadline for submitting proposed questions for discussion during the workshop is Wednesday, December 22, 2010.

BACKGROUND

In July of 2008, the State Water Board adopted a Strategic Workplan for Activities in the Bay-Delta, which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for the review and potential amendment of the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives included in the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan and their implementation.

On February 13, 2009, the State Water Board released a *Notice of Preparation and of Scoping Meeting for Environmental Documentation for the Update and Implementation of the Bay Delta Plan: Southern Delta Salinity and San Joaquin River Flows*, and the associated scoping meeting was held on March 30, 2009. Also on February 13, 2009, the State Water Board issued a notice of public staff workshop, which was subsequently held on April 22, 2009, to receive further information and conduct discussions regarding southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives. A follow-up staff workshop was held on June 19, 2009, to update the public on progress to date with associated San Joaquin River flow modeling. On August 13, 2009, and November 11, 2009, two public staff workshops were held as a continuation of that process as it related to southern Delta salinity, specifically for Dr. Glen Hoffman to present the draft study report entitled *Salt Tolerance of Crops in the Southern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta* (Study Report) and discuss responses to written comments and how the comments would be addressed in the final Study Report.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft Technical Report can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/

Electronic and hard copies of the draft Technical Report can also be requested by contacting Diane Riddle at (916) 341-5297, or by email at driddle@waterboards.ca.gov. Copies on compact disc are available for a minimal fee. Hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Written comments on the draft Technical Report and other information that participants would like the State Water Board to consider related to this matter must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday, December 6, 2010. In order to allow adequate time for processing and review, it is important that comments be submitted by this date. Persons submitting comments are encouraged to submit their materials/comments electronically. Documents submitted electronically must be in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). Electronic submittals to the State Water Board of documents less than 11 megabytes in total size (incoming mail server attachment limitation) may be sent via electronic mail to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, **with a subject of "SJR Technical Report Comments."** For electronic submittal of documents greater than 11 megabytes in size, please contact Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at (916) 341-5600, or by email at jtownsend@waterboards.ca.gov, or send the documents by regular mail in PDF format on compact disc media to the address below. Copies of all comments submitted will be posted on the State Water Board website for the information of other persons.

Requests to participate on any of the four topic-based panels must also be submitted by 12 noon on Monday, December 6, 2010. Requests should be submitted using the attached "Panel Participation Request Form" and must include the full name of the proposed panelist, proposed panel(s) participation, technical expertise, and affiliation. Depending on the number of suggested panelists that the State Water Board receives, the State Water may limit panel participation. Panel participation requests must be submitted to the State Water Board electronically at Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject "**SJR Technical Report Workshop.**"

Proposed questions for discussion at the workshop must be submitted by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 22, 2010. Questions should be submitted using the attached "Proposed Panel Questions Form" and must identify which panel or individual each question is directed toward. The State Water Board will have limited time to ask questions so proposed questions should be directly related to the topics in the draft Technical Report and should be prioritized by importance (the State Water Board suggests that each participant limit questions to no more than ten questions per panel). Proposed questions must be submitted to the State Water Board electronically at Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject "**SJR Technical Report Workshop.**"

The State Water Board requests **five copies** of the **written comments** be sent to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Written comments may also be delivered by hand to the following address:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact the State Water Board's first floor mailing room. Any comments sent by electronic mail or fax must be followed by a mailed hard copy with an original signature.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Diane Riddle, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (916) 341-5297 or by email at driddle@waterboards.ca.gov, or Erin Mahaney, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5187 or by email at emahaney@waterboards.ca.gov.

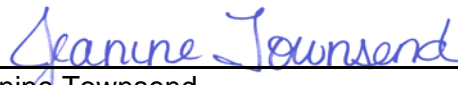
PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

The attached map shows the location and parking for the Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Building in Sacramento. The Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations at the Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Building are requested to contact Catherine Foreman, Office of Employee Assistance, at (916) 341-5881.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register with security staff prior to attending any meeting. To sign in and receive a visitor's badge, visitors must go to the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Depending on their destination and the building's security level, visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid picture identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state or federal identification card. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take up to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the workshop.

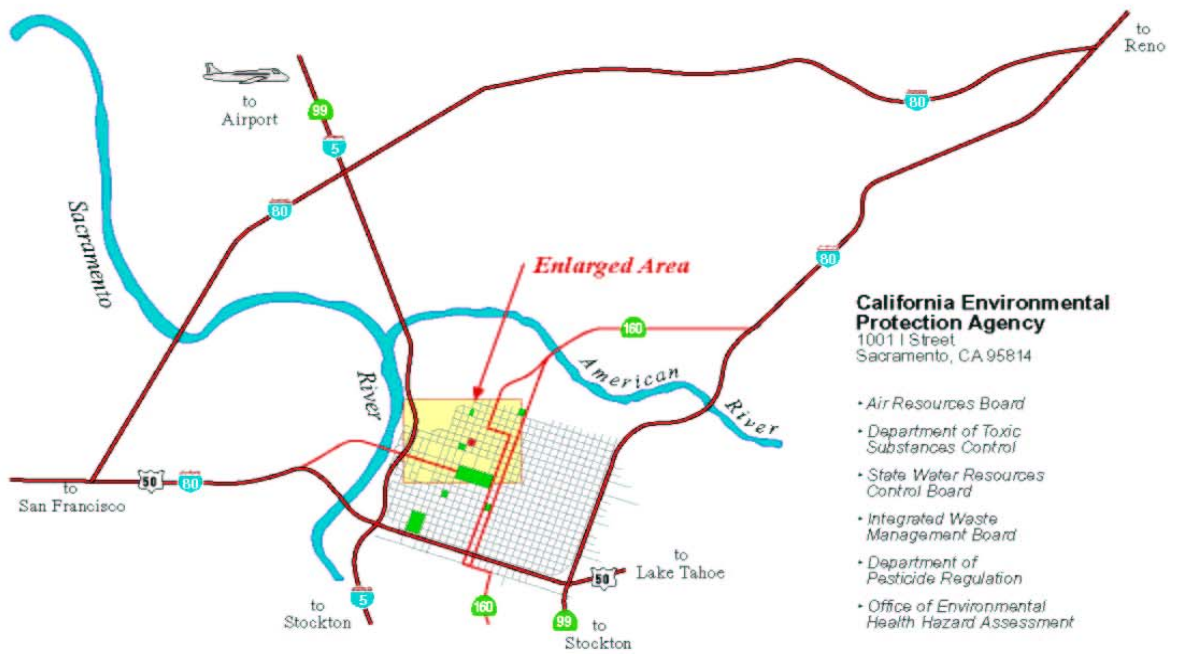
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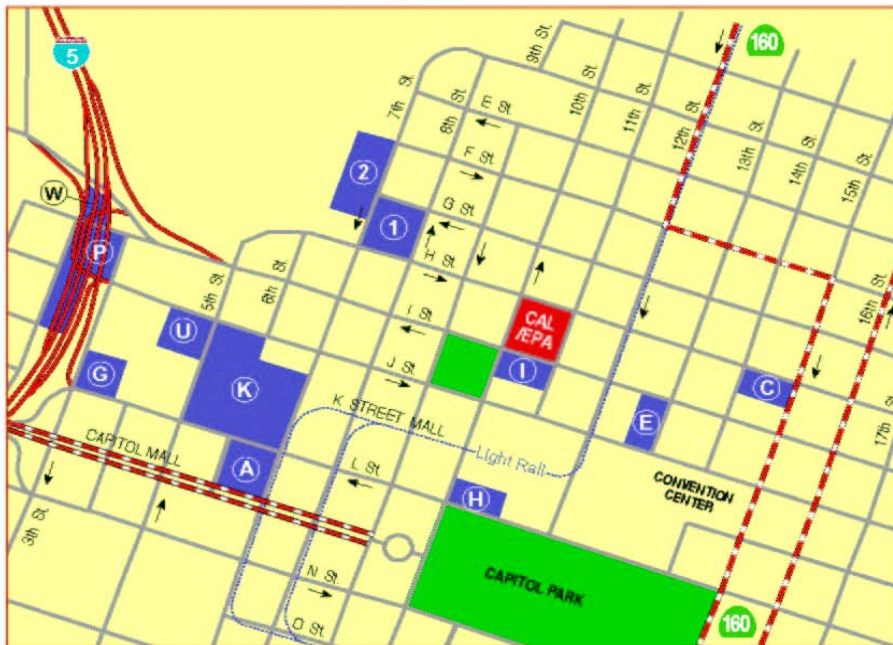


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

Enclosure: Map



Parking Lot Locations



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- Lot 1 (7th & G St.)
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- Lot A (7th & Capitol)
- Lot C (14th & H St.)
- Lot G (3rd & L)
- Lot H (10th & L)
- Lot I (10th & I, 11th & I)
- Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)
- Lot P (2nd & I)
- Lot U (5th & J)
- Lot W (2nd & I St.)