

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDING ORDER NO. R5-2012-0112

WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., on September 30, 2015

At its December 2012 Board Meeting, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) adopted a settlement between the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Prosecution Team and the City of Redding (Redding) resolving violations under the California Water Code. A component of the settlement was a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), which suspended penalties pending completion of the project, which consisted of the replacement of aging private laterals within the City of Redding that contributed to the inflow and infiltration problems. Attachment K to the original settlement agreement and Order provided the City with some discretion to “alter the terms of this project as necessary to maximize the public and environmental benefit, for example by broadening allowances for repair and similar modifications.”

In 2014, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff was concerned that an adequate number of private laterals had not been replaced for Redding to meet its deadlines. Even extra effort by Redding may not be enough for Redding to be successful to reach the suggested number of replaced private laterals. After meeting with Redding staff and learning about applicants to the program, Central Valley Board staff felt that two modifications were necessary: (1) the eligibility date for private lateral replacement will now be 1 January 1983, and (2) the reimbursement amount will be increased from \$5,000 to \$7,800. As explained on the exchanged correspondence between Central Valley Board staff and Redding, priority will be given to existing applicants and applicants who were reimbursed only up to the previous \$5,000 limit can apply for the full cost of the replacement, subject to proper documentation.

Also included for review are the 6 August 2015 Central Valley Board letter and the August 20, 2015 City of Redding, discussing these changes, and indicating that the Redding City Council has approved the SEP modifications.

If there are any public comments, please direct them to:

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If no public comments are received, findings amending Order No. R5-2012-0112 will be drafted and submitted to the Board in advance of the 1/2 October 2015 meeting in Redding, California. Because this item is expected to go on consent, additional public forum may not be necessary.