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**Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Resolution to adopt Human Right to Water as a Core Value in  
Central Valley Water Board Programs and Activities**

The Central Valley Water Board will be holding a public hearing to consider a proposed resolution that would affirm that the Human Right to Water is a core value in the Board's programs and activities.

On September 25, 2012, the California Legislature adopted Assembly Bill 685, which added section 106.3 to the Water Code and declared that every human has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes (generally referred to as the Human Right to Water). The State Water Board adopted a resolution on February 16, 2016, that affirmed Regional Water Quality Control Boards' obligation to consider the human right to water when establishing policies, regulations, or grant criteria when such actions are pertinent to water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. (Wat. Code § 106, subd. (b).)

The Central Valley Water Board protects water quality and beneficial uses of the State's waters, including domestic uses, through its authority under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, Div. 7, § 13000, et seq.), which establishes a comprehensive statutory program for water quality control, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, as amended (33 U.S. C. § 1251, et seq.) (Clean Water Act).

A public hearing will be conducted during the April 2016 Central Valley Water Board meeting which is tentatively scheduled as follows:

**Date:** 21/22 April 2016  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Central Valley Water Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

The final meeting agenda will be available at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/#2016](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2016)

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the proposed resolution, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

Written comments on the proposed resolution must be received at the Central Valley Water Board office or at the email address below **by 18 April 2016** to receive full consideration. Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to [Yared.Kebede@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Yared.Kebede@waterboards.ca.gov). Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the attention of Yared Kebede at Central Valley Water Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

At the hearing, staff will present a final resolution for Central Valley Water Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chair. Interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Yared Kebede at (916) 464-4828 or [Yared.Kebede@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Yared.Kebede@waterboards.ca.gov).

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

***Original signed by,***

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer  
18 March 2016