



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

Development of an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address Organochlorine Pesticides in Several Central Valley Waterbodies

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, (Central Valley Water Board) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting and public workshop to seek input on the environmental information that should be considered in the development and adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Water Basins (Basin Plan) to incorporate TMDLs and program of implementation for discharges of Organochlorine (OC) pesticides in several Central Valley waterbodies. Impaired waterbodies on the 303(d) list that will be addressed by this project include reaches of the San Joaquin River, the lower Tuolumne River, the lower Stanislaus River, Orestimba Creek, the lower Merced River, the lower Feather River, the Colusa Basin Drain, and eight portions of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta waterways) located in Region 5 including the Stockton Ship Channel. Supplemental information regarding the proposed amendment is available on the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/central_valley_organochlorine_pesticide/index.shtml

This meeting and workshop will provide participants with: (1) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed amendment and environmental documentation to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and the Central Valley Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15251, subdivision (g); and Title 23, section 3775 et seq.); and (2) an overview of the conditions in the project area.

Scoping Meeting/Workshop:

Date: 7 July 2009
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board - Hearing Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Directions and location information can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us/sacramento_location.pdf

The facility will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi, executive assistant,

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at (916) 464-4839 at least five 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.

Submission of CEQA Scoping Comments:

The Central Valley Water Board will accept both written and oral suggestions on the scope and content of the information included in the scoping documents. Comments should be limited to identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, reasonably foreseeable means of compliance and their impacts, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in-depth in the development of this CEQA project. Written comments should be submitted to Fred Kizito no later than **12:00 Noon on 21 July 2009** (contact information provided below).

Comment letters may also be submitted by email to FKizito@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at 916-464-4800. Please indicate the project you are commenting upon in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Central Valley OC TMDL.**" Electronic submission via e-mail is preferred. Comments provided at the workshop will be reviewed and considered prior to Central Valley Water Board consideration of the proposed amendment in Spring 2011. All comments will be included in the final administrative record.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Groups or individuals interested in organochlorine pesticide impairment in the Central Valley watersheds are encouraged to attend. This includes, but is not limited to, Public and private land owners; agricultural producers; water district managers; wastewater treatment and disposal; environmental groups; city and county officials in charge of land use and storm water management; and other federal, state and local regulators and water management officials.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Fred Kizito at FKizito@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4633. To continue receiving notifications regarding this basin plan amendment, you must subscribe to the "Organochlorine Pesticide TMDL and Basin Plan Amendment" mailing list through our webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml or if receiving this notice by mail, complete the attached form and return it to:

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

/s/

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer
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