
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE REGULATION OF MANAGED WETLANDS UNDER THE IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

The Central Valley Water Board will conduct a field tour and workshop to view managed wetlands and to discuss the regulation of managed wetlands under the Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The field tour will be held at the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex.

The field tour will include stops to view public and private managed wetlands and will illustrate the mechanics of water delivery, wetland management, and their relationship to agricultural fields. In the afternoon, presentations by Board staff and a Managed Wetlands Panel will provide background on Central Valley managed wetlands, the concerns of wetlands managers, and a range of potential alternatives to regulation under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Discussion of potential policy and regulatory topics is anticipated. This workshop will allow an opportunity for public interaction.

Although the Board will take no action at this workshop, the public is encouraged to comment on the Board's regulation of managed wetlands by submitting written comments to the address below, by faxing comments to (916) 464-4780, or by sending email to Susan.Fregien@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments must be received by **25 March 2015** to be included in the Board members' workshop materials.

DATE:	Wednesday, April 15, 2015
TOUR:	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
DISCUSSION:	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	San Luis NWR Complex Headquarters & Visitor's Center 7376 S. Wolfsen Road Los Banos, CA 93635

Although public access to the field tour sites will be made available, members of the public must provide their own transportation and are strongly encouraged to notify the Board ahead of time so that arrangements can be made to accommodate the size of the group. Details regarding the field tour will be provided on the day of the workshop because last-minute adjustments may be needed to account for poor weather

conditions or the number of participants in the tour. Tour participants will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the San Luis NWR Headquarters & Visitor's Center.

Anyone having questions regarding the workshop should contact Susan Fregien at (916) 464-4813 or Susan.Fregien@waterboards.ca.gov.

The final meeting agenda and related documents will be available at least 10 days before the workshop at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/index.shtml#april152015

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

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