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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **DATE CHANGE**

Please note the date change for this meeting and disregard the date of July 5, 2006 from our previous notice.

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**STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM UTILITY VAULTS AND
UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES TO SURFACE WATERS
(UTILITY VAULT PERMIT)**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

On September 22, 1989, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9 approved California's program to issue general NPDES permits for discharges of waste to surface waters. On July 19, 2001, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Water Quality Order No. 2001-11-DWQ for the re-issuance of a general NPDES permit (CAG990002). This general permit covers short-term and intermittent discharges from the de-watering of utility vaults and underground structures to surface waters. The State Water Board is proposing to re-issue the Utility Vault Permit for discharges from utility vaults and underground structures.

As previously noticed, staff has prepared a draft Utility Vault Permit, which has been circulated for comments to USEPA Region 9, potential enrollees, current enrollees under Water Quality Order No. 2001-11-DWQ, and interested parties.

The State Water Board will conduct a public hearing during a regularly scheduled Board meeting to receive testimony on the draft Utility Vault Permit. At the conclusion of the hearing, the State Water Board will consider adopting the permit. This public hearing is now scheduled for **10 a.m. on July 19, 2006** at the Joe Serna/CalEPA Building located at 1001 I Street in Sacramento, California.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Comments regarding the draft Utility Vault Permit **were due by 5 p.m. on June 9, 2006** and should have been addressed to Song Her, Clerk to the Board, Executive Office, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100. (Fax: 916-341-5620 or email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

The draft Utility Vault Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the State Water Board's Web site at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/npdes/utilityvaults.html>.

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Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Erin Mustain at (916) 445-9379 (emustain@waterboards.ca.gov) or Philip Isorena at (916) 341-5544 (pisorena@waterboards.ca.gov).

June 19, 2006

Date



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