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NOTICE OF PUBLIC STAFF WORKSHOPS¹ AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT STUDY REPORT

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT STUDY REPORT ON CROP SALT TOLERANCE IN THE SOUTHERN SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DELTA

Thursday, August 13, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

at

Joe Serna, Jr. /Cal-EPA Building

Byron Sher Auditorium

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California

and

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

at

Joe Serna, Jr. /Cal-EPA Building

Coastal Hearing Room

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California

Two public staff workshops are scheduled for discussion related to the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) review of southern Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) salinity objectives included in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (2006 Bay-Delta Plan).

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOPS

The purpose of the August 13, 2009 workshop is for Dr. Glenn Hoffman, with assistance from State Water Board staff, to present his draft study report entitled *Salt Tolerance of Crops in the Southern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta* (Study Report) and to discuss and answer any stakeholder questions. Instructions for obtaining the draft Study Report are provided below. Written comments and questions do not need to be submitted prior to the August 13 workshop. As explained below, **written comments are due on Monday, September 14, 2009 by 12 noon.**

¹ A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at these workshops. No final action will be taken.

The purpose of the November 4, 2009 workshop is for Dr. Glenn Hoffman, with assistance from State Water Board staff, to discuss responses to written comments and how the comments will be addressed in the final Study Report, which will be released later in November. Instructions for submitting written comments are provided below.

At these workshops, State Water Board staff may also provide information on additional meetings regarding the review of the southern Delta salinity objectives.

BACKGROUND

In July of 2008, the State Water Board adopted a Strategic Workplan for Activities in San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta), which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for the review and potential amendment of the southern Delta salinity objectives together with San Joaquin River flow objectives included in the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan and their implementation.

On February 13, 2009, the State Water Board released a *Notice of Preparation and of Scoping Meeting for Environmental Documentation for the Update and Implementation of the Bay Delta Plan: Southern Delta Salinity and San Joaquin River Flows*, and the associated scoping meeting was held on March 30, 2009. Also on February 13, 2009, the State Water Board issued a notice of public staff workshop, which was subsequently held on April 22, 2009, to receive further information and conduct discussions regarding southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives. A follow-up staff workshop was held on June 19, 2009, to update the public on progress to date with associated San Joaquin River flow modeling. The two workshops hereby noticed are a continuation of this process as it relates to southern Delta salinity.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the draft Study Report can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/

Electronic and hard copies of the draft Study Report can also be requested by contacting Mark Gowdy at (916) 341-5432, or by email at mgowdy@waterboards.ca.gov. Copies on compact disc are available free of charge. Hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Written comments on the draft Study Report must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday, September 14, 2009. In order to allow adequate time for processing and review, it is important that comments be submitted by this date. Persons submitting comments are encouraged to submit their materials/comments electronically. Documents submitted electronically must be in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). Electronic submittals to the State Water Board of documents less than 5 megabytes in total size (incoming mail server attachment limitation) may be sent via electronic mail to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, **with a subject of "Crop Salt Tolerance Study Report Comments."** For electronic submittal of documents greater than 5 megabytes in size, please contact Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at (916) 341-5600, or by email at jtownsend@waterboards.ca.gov, or send the documents by regular mail in PDF

format on compact disc media to the address below. Copies of all comments submitted will be posted on the State Water Board website for the information of other persons.

The State Water Board requests that **five copies** of written materials/comments be sent to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Written comments may also be delivered by hand to the following address:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact the State Water Board's first floor mailing room. Any comments sent by electronic mail or fax must be followed by a mailed hard copy with an original signature.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Mark Gowdy, Water Resource Control Engineer at (916) 341-5432 or by email at mgowdy@waterboards.ca.gov, or Erin Mahaney, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5187 or at emahaney@waterboards.ca.gov.

PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

The attached map shows the location and parking for the Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Building in Sacramento. The Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations at the Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Building are requested to contact Catherine Foreman, Office of Employee Assistance, at (916) 341-5881.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register with security staff prior to attending any meeting. To sign in and receive a visitor's badge, visitors must go to the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Depending on their destination and the building's security level, visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid picture identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state or federal identification card. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take up to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the workshop.

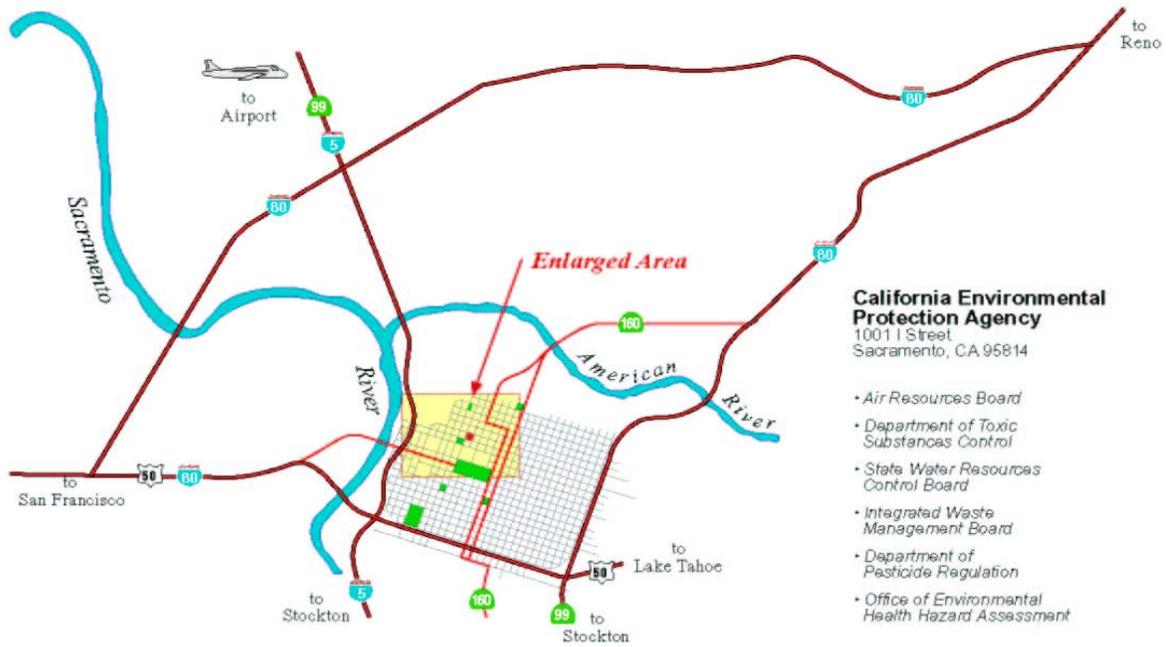
July 14, 2009

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

Enclosure: Map



Parking Lot Locations



Parking Lot Locations

- Lot 1 (7th & G St.)
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- Lot A (7th & Capitol)
- Lot C (14th & H St.)
- Lot G (3rd & L)
- Lot H (10th & L)
- Lot I (10th & I, 11th & I)
- Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)
- Lot P (2nd & I)
- Lot U (5th & J)
- Lot W (2nd & I St.)