

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Regarding Possible Revisions to the State Water Resources Control Board's Fee Schedules for Water Right and Water Quality Certification Programs

Monday, May 17, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

To Be Continued, if Necessary, on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Headquarters Building

Central Valley Auditorium – Second Floor

1001 I Street, Sacramento

SUBJECT OF THE WORKSHOP

The SWRCB will be holding a public workshop to solicit comments regarding possible revisions to the fee regulations for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 1049 (Stats. 2003, ch. 741) requires the SWRCB to adopt emergency regulations revising and establishing fees to be deposited in the Water Rights Fund in the State Treasury and revising fees for water quality certification. Water Code section 1525, subdivision (c) (as amended by Senate Bill 1049) requires the SWRCB to set the fee schedule so that the total amount of fees collected equals the amount necessary to recover the water right program's costs. The SWRCB must set a fee schedule that will generate revenues in the amount the Budget Act sets for water right fee revenues. The SWRCB is required to review and revise the fees each fiscal year as necessary to conform to the revenue levels set forth in the annual Budget Act. If the revenue collected is greater or less than the amount set in the annual Budget Act, then the SWRCB may further adjust the annual fees to compensate for the over or under collection of revenue. (Wat. Code, § 1525, subd. (d)(3).) The SWRCB recognizes that consideration of the fee schedules is an iterative process and it fully intends to continue to involve stakeholders in future rulemakings.

The full text of the existing emergency regulations and fee schedule can be viewed at www.waterrights.ca.gov. To receive a mailed or faxed copy of the regulations, please call (916) 341-5431.

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit public input on possible revisions to the emergency fee regulations for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. The intent of this workshop is to form an Ad Hoc stakeholder-working group that will provide the SWRCB with input on potential revisions to the emergency fee regulations.

The draft emergency regulations for Fiscal Year 2004-05 will be considered for adoption at a future SWRCB meeting. SWRCB agendas are posted at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/wksmtgs/index.html. You may also sign up to receive notices of SWRCB workshops and meetings by e-mail at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

This is an informal workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. The SWRCB and its staff may, however, ask clarifying questions.

In order to be fully considered at the workshop, participants are encouraged to provide written comments by noon on Wednesday, May 12, 2004. The SWRCB requests that written comments be sent to:

Fee Revisions
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000

The SWRCB requests that electronic copies of written comments be e-mailed to <u>feechange@waterrights.swrcb.ca.gov</u> with the subject line of "Fee Revisions."

Participants are encouraged to summarize their written comments in their oral presentations. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

The enclosed map shows the location of the Joe Serna, Jr./California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA) Headquarters Building in Sacramento. Public parking is available in metered spaces on area streets, and in the public garages shown on the enclosed map.

The Cal-EPA Headquarters Building second-floor hearing rooms are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the hearing date. TTY users may contact the California Relay service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Due to enhanced security precautions at the Cal-EPA Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register with security prior to attending any meeting. Visitors must go to the Visitor

and Environmental Services Center, located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance, to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. 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 drivers license, military identification card, or state or federal identification cards. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take from three to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to your meeting.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Division of Water Rights at (916) 341-5431. Questions may also be sent electronically to feechange@waterrights.swrcb.ca.gov with the subject line of "Question."

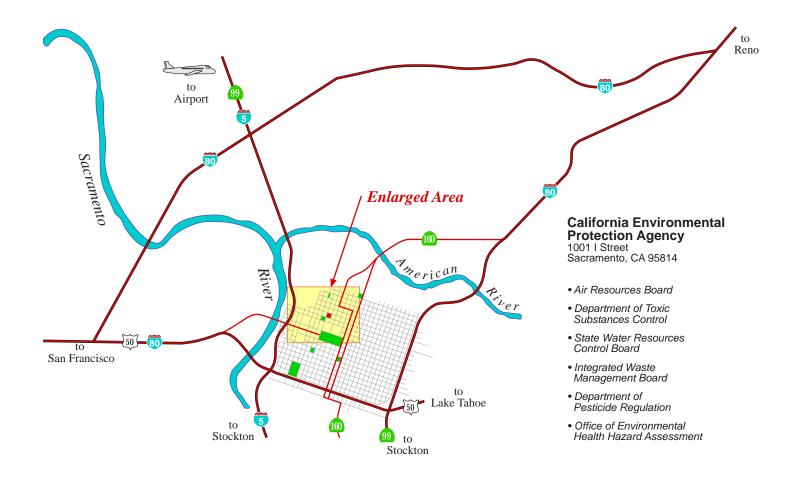
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Debbie Irvin Clerk to the Board

Enclosures

Date: April 12, 2004

Note: Audio broadcast of the workshop is available at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/



Parking Lot Locations

