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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Notice of California Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meetings

Evaluation of Ammonia Water Quality Objectives for the Protection of Aquatic Life in the Central Valley

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Central Valley Water Board" or "Board") have scheduled public meetings to discuss and solicit comments and suggestions regarding a proposal to evaluate ammonia water quality objectives for the protection of aquatic life in the Central Valley and to amend the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin and Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins* (the "Basin Plans") for the control of discharges of ammonia if needed.

The public meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

RANCHO CORDOVA

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Office 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

FRESNO

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 "E" Street
Fresno, CA 93706-2007

REDDING

Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Written comments are due by **March 15, 2017**. Please send comments to Xuan (Shuen) Luo at xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov or the above addresses.

Although a quorum of Central Valley Water Board members may be present, the Board will not take any action at these meetings. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in ammonia issues in the Central Valley.

The purpose of this early consultation is to solicit input regarding the range of project actions, alternatives, reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, significant and cumulative impacts, and potential mitigation measures that the Board will need to analyze in the course of developing the potential amendment to the Basin Plans. Public comments will assist the Central Valley Water Board in developing the amendment, which may include the establishment of water quality objectives for ammonia and an implementation program to achieve those objectives.

Following the public meetings, staff will review all written and verbal comments to prepare a draft staff report with recommendations for basin plan amendments, if appropriate.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting documents will be available on the Central Valley Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/ammonia_wqos/index.shtml.

You may also receive a paper copy of scoping materials by contacting Xuan Luo, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; (916) 464-4606; or at xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov. These materials are also available for inspection at the address above during normal business hours.

CONTACT INFORMATION

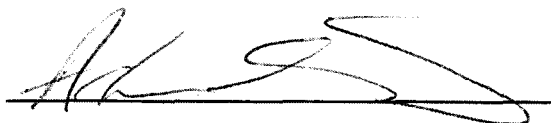
Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Xuan Luo at (916) 464-4606 or xuan.luo@waterboards.ca.gov or to Betty Yee at (916) 464-4643 or betty.yee@waterboards.ca.gov.

To continue receiving notifications regarding Ammonia Water Quality Objectives, you must sign up for the electronic mailing list or complete the attached form to receive copies of notifications through the mail.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list related to this amendment can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml (NOTE: Check the box titled "Central Valley Ammonia WQOs")

ACCESSIBILITY

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Xuan Luo (916) 464-4606 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.



Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT,
PUBLIC HEARING, AND FILING¹**

Concerning

An Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to Adopt Salinity Water Quality Objectives for the Lower San Joaquin River

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board will accept comments regarding the development of an amendment (the "Proposed Amendment") to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The Proposed Amendment will establish salinity water quality objectives (WQOs) in Reach 83 of the Lower San Joaquin River and will incorporate an implementation program for the Lower San Joaquin River.

The Board's Basin Planning Program is considered a certified regulatory program, which means that the Board is exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report for basin planning activities under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080.5; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15251(g).) The Board's environmental review of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment is instead contained in a draft Staff Report, which is considered part of the "substitute environmental documentation" or "SED", and which will be posted on the Board's website (below) along with the Proposed Amendment no later than **27 February 2017**:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/upstream_salt_boron/index.shtml

Copies of the Proposed Amendment and draft SED also can be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on or after **27 February 2017**. Staff contact information: James Brownell at (916) 464-4675 or james.brownell@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the Proposed Amendment and draft SED from **27 February 2017** through **14 April 2017**. Written comments must be submitted to the above email or postal address by **14 April 2017** in order for them to be included in the administrative record.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board has scheduled a hearing on the following dates to receive oral comments regarding the Proposed Amendment and draft SED:

Date: 6 to 7 April 2017 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall
808 4th Street
Clovis, CA 93612

¹ Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and
NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT
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At the April hearing, Board staff will provide the Board with initial recommendations regarding the Proposed Amendment and draft SED. Though the Board may provide direction to Board staff, the Board will not take action on the Proposed Amendment at the April hearing. The Board will provide members of the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies the opportunity to present oral comments to the Board on the Proposed Amendment and the adequacy of the SED. Oral presentations may be limited to 3-minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson and to contact Jim Brownell at jbrownell@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 17 March if they anticipate requiring more than three minutes for oral comments. All exhibits presented at the hearings, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Board and will become part of the administrative record. Following the April hearing, Board staff will review comments received and prepare responses and final recommendations for the Board's consideration.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Water Board has scheduled a hearing on the following dates to consider adoption of the Proposed Amendment and draft SED:

Date: 8 to 9 June 2017 (Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

At the June hearing, the Board will consider all timely comments concerning the Proposed Amendment and draft SED along with any responses provided by Board staff, and will consider adoption of the Proposed Amendment and SED, including any proposed revisions to either. The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. Oral comments made at the June hearing must be limited in scope to those issues already raised during the public comment period. Oral presentations will be limited to 3-minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair.

The meeting 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 five working days prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring language translation services are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 14 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.


Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

1 February 2017
Date