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Notice of Public Workshop Regarding

Development of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nitrate Impairment in Los Berros Creek

Development of a TMDL for Chlorpyrifos Impairment in the San Antonio Creek Watershed

The California Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) is contacting you because tax assessor parcel records, or other contact information we have, indicate you may own or operate lands and/or have an interest in water quality issues in areas where we are developing total maximum daily loads. Consequently, we would like to invite you to a public workshop to discuss the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrate impairment for Los Berros Creek located in San Luis Obispo County and development of a TMDL for chlorpyrifos impairment in the San Antonio Creek Watershed located in Santa Barbara County.

The attached Fact Sheets present informational material pertaining to the development of the TMDLs and present the location of these watersheds. Agricultural operations are a probable source of nitrate loading into surface water of Los Berros Creek and chlorpyrifos loading into surface water of San Antonio Creek. If you believe there are other sources causing exceedance of water quality standards for nitrate or chlorpyrifos, we invite you to share this information with us at the workshop. Additionally, if you know of other interested parties who would like to participate in the workshop, please forward this notice to them or forward their contact information to us.

Staff is soliciting input for these two separate watersheds at the same workshop because the project watersheds are in close physical proximity to each other, are on a similar time schedule, and likely have overlapping interested parties.

Time and Location:

Date: December 14, 2011

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Address:

Santa Maria Public Library (Shepard Hall)
421 S. McClelland Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454

More information about the location of Shepard Hall can be found at: <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/3096-03.shtml>.

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Purpose

This workshop will provide participants with: (1) background on the Water Board's mandates under the federal Clean Water Act and the state Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; (2) background on sources of nitrate and chlorpyrifos; (3) elements of the proposed TMDLs and implementation plan; (4) an opportunity for you to provide comment on the scope and nature of the proposed TMDLs.

Who Should Attend

All interested parties, including private landowners who currently own or operate agricultural operations in the aforementioned watersheds (see maps in attached Fact Sheets); individuals representing agricultural interests; and other individuals interested in pollution reduction efforts in the aforementioned watersheds.

Again, please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Pete Osmolovsky at paosmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov or at (805) 549-3699 with questions about Los Berros Creek. Please contact Shanta Keeling at skeeling@waterboard.ca.gov or at (805) 549-3464 with questions about San Antonio Creek. Also, individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Pete or Shanta at the aforementioned phone number or email address at least five working days prior to the meeting.