Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

Evaluating the Potential Dedesignation of Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use
For
Powell Slough and an Unnamed Tributary to Powell Slough, Colusa County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting and public workshop to seek input on the environmental information that should be considered in the development and adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) to dedesignate the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use for Powell Slough and an unnamed tributary (agricultural ditch) to Powell Slough.

BACKGROUND

Preliminary surveys pertaining to the MUN beneficial use in the project water bodies indicate that the MUN beneficial use may neither exist nor be attainable. Requiring protection of MUN would require costly controls that are more stringent than required under the Clean Water Act and may be unnecessary for the protection of human health.

Additional information regarding the proposed amendment is available in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/basin_plans/Colusa. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

CEQA SCOPING MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP CONDUCT AND SCHEDULE

This meeting and workshop will provide participants with: (1) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed amendments and environmental documents to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and the Central Valley Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15251, subdivision (g); and Title 23, section 3775 et seq.); and (2) an overview of the conditions in the project area.

Following the workshop, staff will review written comments received, prepare a summary of scoping comments and a draft staff report for public comment. **Written comments should be submitted to David Kirn no later than 19 January 2010** (contact information provided below). Comments provided at the workshop will be reviewed and considered prior to Central Valley Water

Board consideration of the proposed amendment in 2010. All comments will be included in the final administrative record.

CEQA Scoping Meeting Time and Location:

Location:	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Date:	5 January 2010
Time:	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact David Kirn at (916) 464-4761 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.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this issue should be directed to David Kirn at (916) 464-4761 or dwkirn@waterboards.ca.gov. To continue receiving notifications regarding this basin plan amendment, you must subscribe to the "Powell Slough Basin Plan Amendment" mailing list through our webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/reg5_subscribe.html or complete the attached form and return it to:

David Kirn
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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

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