
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Concerning
Draft Waste Discharge Requirements
for Rice Growers within the Sacramento Valley**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) has released an administrative draft of waste discharge requirements and a monitoring and reporting program for rice growers within the Sacramento Valley (Rice Order). The administrative draft relies on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution R5-2011-0017) for California Environmental Quality Act compliance. The draft documents are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/long_term_program_development/rice_growers_sacvalley_wdrs

Copies of the draft Waste Discharge Requirements 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, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A public workshop concerning the administrative draft of the Rice Order will be held on October 3rd or 4th. The workshop date and location have not been determined at this time, but will be posted when available.

Date: 3/4 October 2013

Time: To be determined

Place: To be determined (Rancho Cordova, CA or Stockton, CA)

The public workshop will be held before the members of the Central Valley Water Board. No action will be taken on the draft Rice Order during the workshop; however, the members of the Central Valley Water Board may provide direction to staff.

The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Central Valley Water Board meeting will be held, the location of the Board meeting, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

Written comments on the draft documents are due by 13 September 2013. Additional written comments will not be received at the workshop. Materials received by 13 September 2013 will be included in the administrative record; response to submitted comments will not be prepared, but staff will consider the comments when preparing the tentative Order. Written comments shall not be read into the record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the workshops. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chair. Interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Ms. Margaret Wong at (916) 464-4857 or MAWong@waterboards.ca.gov.

The workshop 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 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.

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

Original signed by

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer
13 August 2013