

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

### UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERACTION OF GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER AND ADDRESS ASSOCIATED CONCERNS IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED, NORTH COAST REGION

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public workshop to receive updates on progress made to develop a better understanding of groundwater dynamics and associated impacts on surface water in the Scott River Watershed, North Coast Region.

**When:** April 20, 2011, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.

**Where:** Fort Jones Community Center  
11960 East St., CA 96032

**Who Should Attend:** Public and private land owners; state and federal agency representatives, environmental groups; and other interested and concerned groups or individuals.

During the public workshop, Dr. Thomas Harter of the UC Cooperative Extension Groundwater Program will summarize ongoing efforts to develop a mathematical simulation model of groundwater dynamics in the Scott Valley groundwater basin. Siskiyou Resource Conservation District staff (Siskiyou RCD), representatives of the Scott River Watershed Council (SRWC), and Siskiyou County (County) government representatives will also provide summaries of their efforts to further understanding and address issues associated with groundwater in Scott Valley. Members of the public and interested parties will have the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments.

#### **Background**

In September, 2006, the *Action Plan for the Scott River Watershed Sediment and Water Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads* (Scott TMDL Action Plan) was incorporated into the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*. The Regional Water Board, through the Scott TMDL Action Plan, requested a groundwater study plan for the Scott Valley groundwater basin from the County. In February 2008, the *Scott Valley Community Groundwater Study Plan* (Study Plan) was submitted to the Regional Water Board. Since then, the Siskiyou RCD and SRWC have made progress implementing elements of the plan, in coordination with Dr. Harter and in support of the efforts of Dr. Harter and his students to develop a Scott Valley groundwater simulation model. The County has recently established the Scott Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee as a means of promoting a community-driven public process for addressing groundwater issues.

Information on the Regional Water Board's Scott River Watershed TMDL Program can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/tmdls/scott\\_river/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/scott_river/)

#### **Accessibility**

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Patti Corsie at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

#### **Staff Contact**

Questions regarding the workshop or the Scott TMDL Action Plan should be directed to Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, by phone at 707-576-2751 or email at [bmcfadin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bmcfadin@waterboards.ca.gov).