

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2012
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ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SBX2-1) REPORT, "ADDRESSING NITRATE IN CALIFORNIA'S GROUNDWATER"

On March 13, 2012, UC Davis officially released its report, "Addressing Nitrate in California's Groundwater" required by Senate Bill SBX2-1 (2008, Perata). The executive summary of the report is provided as Attachment 1 and a full copy of the report is available at:

<http://groundwaternitrate.ucdavis.edu/>

Although the report focuses on groundwater basins within the Tulare Lake and Salinas Valley hydrologic regions, its findings have statewide implications regarding nitrate in groundwater. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) will be holding a public workshop¹ in Sacramento on May 23, 2012, to consider public input on the "promising actions" outlined within the SBX2-1 report to help develop the recommendations within its forthcoming report to the Legislature. As part of its participation in the SBX2-1 Interagency Task Force, the State Board requested Central Coast Water Board staff to provide comments on the "promising actions" within the report and to propose specific recommendations that should be made to the Legislature (Attachment 2).

State Board has invited a Board member to be on a panel with the State Board and other agency representatives during the May 23, 2012 workshop. This item is intended as a forum to discuss and seek direction in preparation for Central Coast Water Board member and staff participation in the State Board workshop.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Executive Summary of UC Davis report, Addressing Nitrate in California's Drinking Water
2. January 30, 2012, memorandum from Roger Briggs to Tom Howard, regarding: Central Coast Water Board Recommendations Regarding SBX2-1 Nitrate Study (01/12/12 Internal Draft) Report to the Legislature

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¹ http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nitrate_project/docs/notice_nitrate_wrkshp.pdf