
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning a Resolution Approving
A Management Agency Agreement (MAA) with the
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and
A Draft Real Time Management Program (RTMP) Framework
For the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges to the
Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR)

This Notice updates a Notice that was previously issued on 4 June 2014.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) is considering approval of revisions to an existing MAA with the USBR and approval of a RTMP framework document. The MAA was prepared by USBR and Central Valley Water Board staff, and outlines the ways in which the two agencies will work towards meeting salinity water quality objectives in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. The RTMP framework document, which was prepared by USBR, participating agricultural irrigation dischargers that discharge to the Lower San Joaquin River, and other interested parties, describes a series of management activities that are designed to achieve compliance with water quality objectives by synchronizing the discharge of saline water with times when there is available assimilative capacity in the LSJR. Both documents have been developed pursuant to the Control Program for Salt and Boron Discharges to the Lower San Joaquin River, which is a part of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins*, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011.

The hearing on the proposed documents, which was scheduled for the 7/8 August 2014 Board meeting, has been postponed until the 9/10 October 2014 Board meeting. Written comments regarding the MAA and the RTMP are now due by 18 August 2014.

The draft documents are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/vernalissalt_boron/index.shtml

Copies of the draft MAA and draft RTMP framework document 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. Anyone having questions about the draft MAA or the draft RTMP framework may contact Jim Brownell at (916) 464-4675 or at Brownell.James@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Board will conduct a public hearing before considering the adoption of the Resolution approving the MAA and the RTMP during the Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 9/10 October 2014
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

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 indicate the anticipated order of agenda items and will provide links to all material related to this agenda item, including any staff revisions.

Written comments regarding the MAA and the RTMP are due by **18 August 2014** to receive full consideration. All interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral comments 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 general procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 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 may be obtained by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda 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

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