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TO: American River Watershed Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Stakeholders and Interested Parties

****Save the Date: American River Watershed Mercury TMDL Stakeholder Meetings
November 16, 10:00 am - noon in Placerville and November 17, 10:00 am – noon in Auburn.****

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff is holding two stakeholder kickoff meetings for the American River Watershed Mercury TMDL. TMDL stands for "total maximum daily load" and refers to a pollution control program to reduce loads of mercury in rivers, streams, and lakes. This TMDL project initially focused on the lower American River and Lake Natoma. Based on comments at stakeholder meetings for the lower watershed, we are expanding the scope of the lower American River and Lake Natoma TMDL project to include Folsom Lake and its tributary watersheds. There are six additional water bodies in the American River watershed on the Clean Water Act Section 303d list of impaired waters due to mercury contamination: Folsom Lake; North Fork American River (North Fork Dam to Folsom Lake); South Fork American River (Slab Creek Reservoir to Folsom Lake); Slab Creek Reservoir; Oxbow Reservoir; and Hell Hole Reservoir.

The purpose of these meetings in November is to introduce upstream stakeholders to the project and the process for the TMDL. You do not need to attend both meetings, as the same information will be presented at each.

Placerville

El Dorado National Forest/RCD Building
100 Forni Road *

Auburn

Placer County Water Agency
144 Ferguson Road

* Note RCD Building is not directly on Forni Road. From Forni, turn right on Briw to reach the building on right.

We will provide meeting agenda and maps of meeting locations in subsequent emails. To continue receiving information about this TMDL, including public meeting dates, locations, and agendas, please join our email subscription list by visiting http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml and selecting "American River Watershed Methylmercury TMDL".

Thank you for your interest. We value your input on this project and look forward to meeting with you.

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