



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region



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Notice of Public Workshop on the Development of a Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges into the San Joaquin River

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) staff will hold a public workshop to continue discussion of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). Informational workshops on a draft Basin Plan Amendment for the control of salt and boron discharges into the San Joaquin River were held at the December 2003 and January 2004 Regional Board meetings. During these workshops, the Regional Board directed staff to hold an additional public workshop to further discuss and consider public comments prior to Regional Board consideration of the proposed salt and boron Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Basin Plan Amendment.

Regional Board staff has held a series of small group meetings with interested parties that have submitted comments on the proposed TMDL and Basin Plan Amendment. Interested parties have raised a number of important issues and proposed a number of changes to the TMDL. This workshop will provide interested parties with an opportunity to present their comments and to propose alternate approaches for the TMDL. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting prepared to present alternatives to the proposed TMDL and explain how proposed changes will: 1) meet the needs of watershed stakeholders; 2) fulfill the requirements of a TMDL and result in achieving salinity water quality objectives.

The need for a follow up meeting will be determined at the close of this workshop. A follow-up meeting, if necessary, is tentatively scheduled for 17 May 2004.

Copies of the comments received on the proposed salt and boron TMDL and Basin Plan Amendment are available at the following link:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/salt_boron

WHERE: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Multipurpose Rooms A, B, & C
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95385

WHEN: 29 April 2004, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

A map and directions to the workshop can be found on the back of this letter. An agenda will be sent separately. If you have any questions please contact Eric Oppenheimer at (916) 464-4844 or oppenhe@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov.

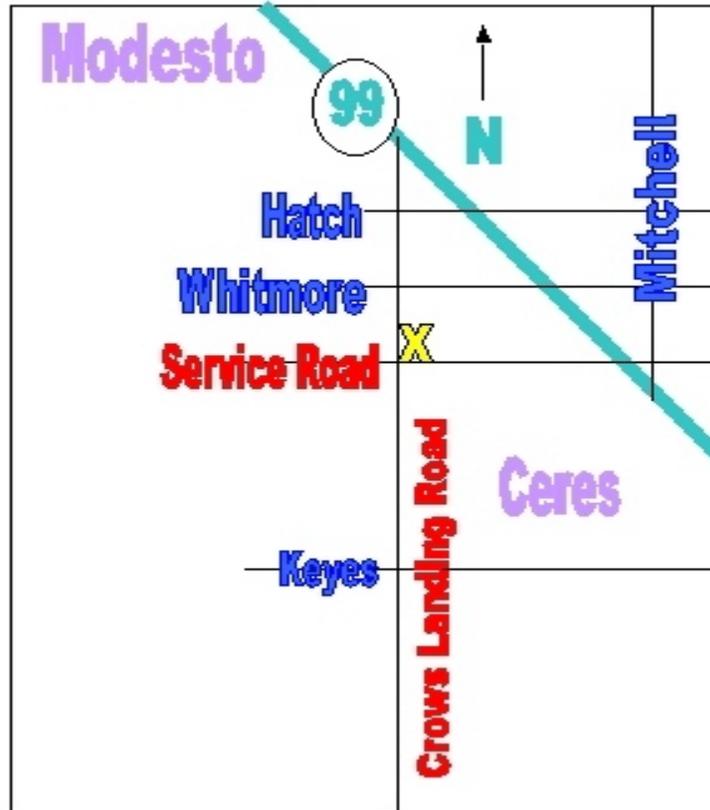
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Directions

From North:

- take Highway 99 to Crows Landing Rd. Exit
- go right on Crows Landing Rd. (South)
- office is on the corner of Service and Crows Landing

From South:

- take Highway 99 to Mitchell Rd. Exit
- go right on Mitchell Rd. (North)
- go left on Service Road (1st light on Mitchell)
- office is on the corner of Service and Crows Landing