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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP

MODIFICATIONS TO WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 2004-0009-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF AQUATIC PESTICIDES FOR AQUATIC WEED CONTROL (WEED CONTROL PERMIT)

Wednesday, September 7, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.*
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

On May 20, 2004, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the Weed Control Permit. Finding 31 of the permit states that the State Water Board may reopen it if additional aquatic pesticides are registered by the Department of Pesticide Regulation and to modify Attachment E, which contains the list of public entities that are granted categorical exceptions to meeting the criteria for priority pollutants pursuant to section 5.3 of the *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California.*

The State Water Board will conduct a public hearing to consider (1) adding the aquatic pesticide **IMAZAPYR** (trade name HABITAT) to the permit, and (2) adding the **SANTA CRUZ WATER DEPARTMENT** (SCWD) to Attachment E. **The proposed addition of IMAZAPYR is contingent upon the Department of Pesticide Regulation's registration of the product prior to State Water Board action.** This public hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2005 at the Joe Serna/CalEPA Building located at 1001 I Street in Sacramento, California.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Comments regarding the addition of IMAZAPYR to the permit and SCWD to Attachment E must be addressed to Debbie Irvin, Clerk to the Board, Executive Office, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100. [Fax: (916) 341-5620 or email: dirvin@waterboards.ca.gov]. The proposed modifications to the Weed Control Permit are limited to the additions of IMAZPYR in the permitted pesticides and SCWD in Attachment E; no other comments will be accepted and the State Water Board will not consider any other modifications to the permit. The State Water Board must receive written comments, testimony, and evidence no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2005.** Comments, testimony, and evidence

* This item may not be heard exactly at 10:00 a.m. due to other items on the agenda.

received after this deadline will not be considered. At the hearing, only oral comments and testimony, which may summarize written materials, will be allowed. **The State Water Board will consider the adoption of the draft resolution at a Board Meeting on September 7, 2005.**

The current Weed Control Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the State Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resdec/wqorders/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0009.pdf. The proposed modifications to the Weed Control Permit and SCWD's California Environmental Quality Act documents are also available on the State Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/aquatic/index.html.

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Direct comments to Debbie Irvin, as mentioned above. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Erin Mustain at (916) 445-9379 (emustain@waterboards.ca.gov) or Philip Isorena at (916) 341-5544 or (pisorena@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date

Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board