

## AB 982 Public Advisory Group

Organizational Meeting  
January 21, 2000  
State Water Resources Control Board Hearing Room

### Meeting Summary

- ◆ Mary Jane Forster described the AB 982 requirements and the charge of the group (handouts enclosed).
- ◆ SWRCB staff gave a presentation on what is required for implementation of AB 982. The discussion included the AB 982 mandates, cross-cutting issues, the SWRCB response, the objectives of the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Plan and a timeline for AB 982 implementation.

The discussion was then opened up to the participants. Some of the points that were raised included:

- ◆ The Public Advisory Group (PAG) should be small in number.
- ◆ There should be a balance between environmental and discharger interests.
- ◆ There should be one member that could be considered a part of either category (e.g., a drinking water purveyor).
- ◆ Need more diverse discharger membership than proposed by SWRCB staff.
- ◆ Need more diverse environmental community membership (e.g., organized labor, subsistence fisherpeople).
- ◆ The PAG should have 15 members, each with an alternate. The membership would be: 7 Environmental Representatives, 7 Discharger Representatives, and 1 Drinking Water Purveyor.
- ◆ Focus should be on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development instead of monitoring and listing.
- ◆ There should be a public comment period at each meeting.
- ◆ All information regarding this matter should be posted on the SWRCB web site.
- ◆ Those present were to confer with other interested parties and choose representatives for the next meeting of the PAG scheduled for February 11, 2000.
- ◆ Concerns were raised on how the advice would be addressed by SWRCB staff.

Mary Jane Forster concluded the meeting by deciding that the committee should have 15 members with 7 Environmental group members, 7 Discharger members and one Drinking Water Purveyor.

To discuss this summary, please contact Gita Kapahi, the staff liaison to the committee, at (916) 657-0883.