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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP****Second Workshop in a Series  
to Review Standards for the  
San Francisco Bay/  
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary**

May 16, 1994--10:00 AM

(and additional days as may be necessary)  
714 P Street, First Floor Auditorium  
Sacramento, California

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**SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP**

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is convening this workshop to seek comments and recommendations regarding standards for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Estuary).

**BACKGROUND AND SWRCB PROCESS**

The background for this issue and the process for SWRCB action upon completion of this workshop series are described in the notice for the first workshop in April. If you need a copy of the April workshop notice, call Ellyn Sekul at (916) 657-1357.

**REGULATORY BASIS FOR ACTION**

California Water Code Section 13240 requires that water quality control plans adopted by the SWRCB must be periodically reviewed and may be revised. In addition, the Federal Clean Water Act requires a triennial review of water quality control plans.

The SWRCB is authorized to establish State policy for water quality control, including surface water management programs, by California Water Code Sections 13140 to 13142.

**SCHEDULE AND SUBJECTS FOR WORKSHOPS**

The SWRCB plans to review its Bay-Delta Estuary standards by holding workshops from April through July to solicit comments and recommendations from

interested parties. The first workshop will be held on April 26, 1994; the notice for the first workshop was distributed on March 25, 1994.

The SWRCB has tentatively identified the following schedule and subjects for the remaining workshops. Please note that, while the workshop is being noticed only for May 16, additional days [identified in brackets] have been set aside in order to ensure that all parties have an opportunity to present information on the scheduled subjects. The additional days will not be used unless necessary.

The schedule and subjects for the June and July workshops may change as the process proceeds. Separate notices will be prepared for the remaining workshops in June and July. The SWRCB welcomes written or oral comments on the timing for the discussion of specific subjects in this series of workshops.

**MAY 16 [17, 23, 24]**

1. Endangered Species Act (ESA) issues
2. Effects of Bay-Delta diversions on beneficial uses, including diversions other than the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP)
3. Methods available to analyze water supply and environmental effects of draft standards

JUNE 14 [15, 21, 22]

1. Fishery declines from causes other than flows and diversions, such as pollution, introduced species and habitat loss
2. Review of CVP and SWP operations for effects on ESA-protected species and other species of concern
3. Effects of upstream water projects other than the CVP and SWP
4. Status and trends of biological resources

JULY 13 [14, 26, 27]

1. Methods available to analyze economic effects of standards
2. Interim implementation of standards by CVP and SWP prior to adoption of water rights decision
3. Recommendations for alternative standards

**KEY ISSUES FOR MAY WORKSHOP**

1. **What are the principal ESA issues the SWRCB should consider during this review?**

Currently, project operations in the Delta are largely controlled by the conditions of Water Right Decision 1485 and the biological opinions on winter-run Chinook salmon and Delta smelt. The SWRCB requests the participants to provide the most recent information on the status of both endangered species and species being considered for protection under the ESA. The SWRCB must decide whether to develop specific standards for the protection of endangered species or rely on the conditions set forth in the biological opinions to protect these species. Recommendations on this issue are solicited.

2. **What are the effects of diversions throughout the Bay-Delta Estuary on beneficial uses?**

Diversions throughout the Bay-Delta Estuary are cited as partial causes of the decline of some beneficial uses. The SWRCB requests the participants to submit the most current information on this issue.

3. **What methods should the SWRCB use to analyze the water supply and environmental effects of alternative standards?**

The SWRCB has used the DWRSIM operations model to analyze the water supply impacts of alternative standards in the past. The most recent information on this model and other methods to analyze water supply

impacts is requested. The SWRCB has also used a number of biological models to estimate the environmental effects of alternative standards. The most recent versions of all relevant biological models are requested. Other methods to analyze the biological effects of alternative standards are also solicited.

**WORKSHOP PROCEDURES**

The workshop will be informal, but a court reporter will be present to provide an accurate record of the proceedings. There will be no sworn testimony or cross examination of participants, but the SWRCB and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

Participants are requested to provide 20 copies of their comments and recommendations either prior to or at the time of the workshop for the use of the SWRCB and its staff. Additional copies for participants of the workshop should also be provided. Participants will be asked to orally summarize their comments and recommendations. Time limits of less than 20 minutes will likely be imposed on oral presentations by each participant. Participants with similar interests are requested to make joint presentations.

The SWRCB and its staff may consult with and request information from participants and other interested parties between the date of this notice and the release of the draft plan.

**INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP**

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Thomas R. Howard, Chief, Bay-Delta Unit, at (916) 657-1873 or Barbara J. Leidigh, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 657-2102.

**PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

The attached map shows the location of the workshop and available parking. This site is accessible to persons with disabilities.



Maureen Marché  
Administrative Assistant to the Board

April 15, 1994

# WORKSHOP LOCATION

FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM  
OFFICE BUILDING 8  
714 P STREET  
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