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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Third Workshop in a Series to Review Standards for the San Francisco Bay/ Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary

June 14, 1994—10:00 AM
(and additional days as may be necessary)

1416 Ninth Street, First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, California

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

This workshop is the third in a series of four workshops on the above subject. The background on this subject 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 or May 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 is reviewing its Bay-Delta Estuary standards by holding workshops from April through July to solicit comments and recommendations from interested parties. The first workshop was held on April 26, 1994; the second workshop was held on May 16, 1994.

The SWRCB has tentatively identified the schedule and subjects listed below for the remaining workshops. Please note that, while the workshop is being noticed only for June 14, 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 July workshop may change as the process proceeds. A separate notice will be prepared for the remaining workshop in July. The SWRCB welcomes written or oral comments on the timing for the discussion of specific subjects in this series of workshops.

JUNE 14 [15, 21, 22]

1. Fish and wildlife declines from causes other than diversions, such as pollution, flows, 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 JUNE WORKSHOP

1. **What factors, excluding diversions, contribute to the decline of fish and wildlife resources in the Bay-Delta Estuary?**

Information is requested on all of the factors that contribute to the decline of fish and wildlife resources in the Bay-Delta Estuary. The SWRCB intends to review these factors during this standards review process. Many of the factors that contribute to the decline of fish and wildlife resources are beyond the regulatory control of the SWRCB. The SWRCB intends both to make recommendations to other entities for action on factors beyond SWRCB regulatory control and to identify the factors that cannot be controlled. The effect of diversions on fish and wildlife will be discussed in the May workshop and should not be repeated under this issue.

2. **What modifications have the SWP and CVP made to their operations to protect endangered species and other species of concern?**

Information is requested on (1) changes in CVP and SWP operations to protect endangered species and other species of concern, (2) the water supply impact of these changes, and (3) the anticipated effect of these changes on targeted species.

3. **What effect do upstream water projects, other than the CVP and SWP, have on the fish and wildlife resources of the Bay-Delta Estuary?**

The SWP and the CVP are the two largest water projects in the Central Valley. Regulatory efforts to protect fish and wildlife resources have focused largely on these projects. However, other water projects in the Central Valley likely affect fish and wildlife

resources. Information is solicited both on the effects of other water projects and on alternatives available to reduce the effects of these projects on biological resources that live in or pass through the Bay-Delta Estuary.

4. **What are the status and trends of biological resources in the Bay-Delta Estuary?**

The most recent information on the status and trends of biological resources is 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.

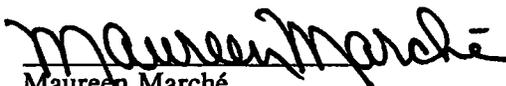
The SWRCB and its staff may consult with and request information from participants and other interested parties between the date of this notice and the release of the draft plan.

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.


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May 13, 1994

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Hearing Location
First Floor, Auditorium

