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Central Valley Water Board to Hear Presentation on Environmental Impacts of Pot Cultivation

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The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will hear a presentation on the environmental impacts associated with marijuana cultivation on private land at the Board's regular meeting in Rancho Cordova on Friday, Oct. 4.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and, currently, the presentation is the first item on the agenda.

Clint Snyder, the Board's Assistant Executive Officer assigned to its Redding office, will be the presenter. Other panelists will be Cris Carrigan, director of the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Enforcement; Patrick Pulupa, staff counsel for the Regional Water Board; and a representative from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Central Valley Water Board staff is in ongoing discussions with various state and local agencies, state legislators, and representatives from the governor's office regarding the environmental hazards presented by unregulated marijuana grows, particularly hazards that affect surface and groundwater quality.

While not all marijuana cultivation practices result in environmental damage, there is evidence that many present a significant threat to both surface and groundwater.

The purpose of this discussion is to update Water Board members on staff's recent activities associated with the regulation and enforcement of marijuana growing operations. Because this is an informational item only, the Central Valley Water Board will not be voting on any matters associated with this agenda item.

The Central Valley Regional Water Board office is located at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova.

For additional information please find the agenda at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/1310ag.pdf