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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP *For the Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearing*

October 3, 2002
Time to be announced.

Joe Serna Jr./Cal EPA Building
Coastal Hearing Room - Second Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PHASE 8 NEGOTIATIONS

SUBJECT OF THE WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to provide the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the public with information concerning the current status of negotiations and plans to implement the flow-dependent objectives contained in the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (1995 Bay-Delta Plan). This workshop is the third in a series of public informational workshops that the SWRCB is conducting every six months to review progress in the negotiations to allocate responsibilities for meeting the objectives.

BACKGROUND

On April 26, 2001, the SWRCB adopted Order WR 2001-05. That order was part of a series of actions by the SWRCB to protect the beneficial uses of water in the Bay-Delta Estuary against the adverse effects of water diversions.

Order WR 2001-05 stays the resumption of Phase 8 of the Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearing for a period of eighteen months and automatically dismisses Phase 8 on October 26, 2002, unless the SWRCB receives notice from the Department of Water Resources or the United States Bureau of Reclamation requesting resumption of Phase 8. During the stay, parties whose water rights might be amended after Phase 8, or after a similar hearing to allocate responsibility for meeting the objectives in the 1995 Bay-Delta Plan, are negotiating to establish their responsibilities. The workshop will consist of a detailed presentation by the negotiating parties on their progress toward completion of two workplans they are preparing. There will be opportunity for other interested parties to provide comment.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The SWRCB will receive the progress report and any comments thereon at its regularly scheduled workshop which will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2002 in the Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento.

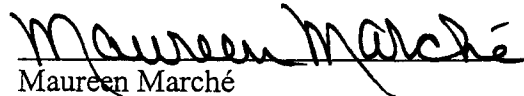
You will separately receive an agenda for this workshop session at least 10 days in advance specifying the time of the workshop.

A court reporter will be present to prepare a transcript of the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but SWRCB members and staff may ask clarifying questions. The transcript for this workshop and any supplemental materials submitted by parties will become part of the administrative record for the Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearing. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Nick Wilcox, Chief of the Bay-Delta Unit (916) 341-5424 (FAX (916) 341-5400), or to Barbara Leidigh, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5190.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The enclosed map shows the location of the Joe Serna, Jr./California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA) Building in Sacramento. Public parking is available in

metered spaces on area streets, and in the public garages shown on the enclosed map. The Cal-EPA Building, second-floor hearing room is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board

Dated: September 6, 2002

Enclosure