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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Consideration of Potential Amendments or Revisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/ Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary

Commencing at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 2004 and
continuing on October 13 and 14;
October 27, 28 and 29; November 9 and 10; and
November 15, 16 and 17
(additional days may be added as necessary)

at Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building
Sierra Hearing Room or Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

Note 10:00 a.m. start on initial day and various starting times and
locations on subsequent days.
See table for specific times and locations.

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of this multiple-date workshop is to receive information and conduct detailed discussions regarding specific plan amendments or revisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary adopted in 1995 (1995 Plan).

BACKGROUND

Under its authority to protect beneficial uses of water, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted the 1995 Plan on May 22, 1995, in Resolution No. 95-24. The 1995 Plan superseded the Water Quality Plan for Salinity (adopted in May 1991, in Resolution No. 91-34) and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh (adopted in August 1978, in Resolution No. 78-43). Water Code section 13240 requires that water quality control plans be periodically reviewed. The federal Clean Water Act, at section 303(c) (33 U.S.C., § 1313(c)) requires a triennial review of state water quality “standards,” as defined in the Act.

California Environmental Protection Agency

The SWRCB conducted a periodic review of the 1995 Plan earlier in 2004. At a workshop on the periodic review, held by the SWRCB on January 8, 2004, and in written comments filed by February 5, 2004, numerous participants recommended that the SWRCB adopt various amendments of the 1995 Plan. SWRCB staff members have compiled a staff report¹ detailing the comments and making staff recommendations as to the parts of the 1995 Plan that the SWRCB should or should not consider amending.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

Times and Locations of Public Workshop

October 12	10:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
October 13	9:00 a.m.	Coastal Hearing Room
October 14	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
October 27	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
October 28	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
October 29	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
November 9	10:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
November 10	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
November 15	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room
November 16	10:00 a.m.	Coastal Hearing Room
November 17	9:00 a.m.	Sierra Hearing Room

The workshop will address the topics recommended in the staff report on the periodic review. The SWRCB will consider adopting the staff report at the September 30, 2004 Board Meeting.

The workshop will include the following topics in the order set forth below.

1. Objectives Related to Delta Outflow
 - a. Delta outflow
 - b. River flows: Sacramento River at Rio Vista
 - c. River flows: San Joaquin River at Airport Way Bridge, Vernalis:
February - April 14 and May 16 - June
 - d. Export limits
2. Flow Objectives in the San Joaquin River at Airport Way Bridge, Vernalis:
31 day pulse flow April 15 - May 15
3. Salinity Objectives
 - a. Southern Delta electrical conductivity
 - b. Chloride objectives, compliance location at Contra Costa Canal at Pumping Plant #1, and potential new objectives

¹ The staff report is available at <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/baydelta/TriennialPlan.htm> or by calling Ms. Gita Kapahi at (916) 341-5289, or via U.S. mail: Ms. Gita Kapahi, Chief, Bay/Delta Unit, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

4. Miscellaneous Topics
 - a. Salmon protection
 - b. Delta cross channel gates closure
 - c. Changes to the water quality compliance and baseline monitoring program
5. Recommended Changes to the Program of Implementation

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The workshop will commence at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 2004 and will continue through the workshop schedule from one topic to the next until discussion of all topics is completed. At the close of each workshop day, staff will post on the Division website an update as to what topics were covered on that day, which topic will be addressed at the beginning of the following workshop day, and any changes to the meeting schedule. At the beginning of each topic, the Board member leading the workshop will determine the order of the presentations. Participants are encouraged to summarize their written materials. To ensure that the workshop moves efficiently and that everyone has an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be subject to time limits. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations. Due to the continuous nature of the workshop, all participants should be prepared early in the workshop to address all of the topics in which they have an interest.

The workshop will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the SWRCB and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

After the workshop, the SWRCB staff will prepare plan amendments or a revised plan, including appropriate environmental documentation in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15251(g), and tit. 23, § 3775, et seq.) After staff has prepared the draft plan amendments or a draft revised plan and environmental documentation, the SWRCB will provide notice of a public hearing to consider whether to adopt the proposed amendments or revised plan, pursuant to Water Code section 13244. After the hearing, the SWRCB will prepare responses to comments on significant environmental points and will then schedule a Board meeting to vote on a resolution adopting the plan amendments or revised plan.

By Thursday, October 7, 2004, participants should submit documents that include: (1) detailed written technical information, (2) recommended language for plan amendments or revisions, and (3) legal justification for the plan amendments or revisions they are seeking. At the workshop, the participants will be given an opportunity to supplement their written materials with oral presentations.

The SWRCB requests that an original plus 16 copies of written comments be sent to:

Debbie Irvin, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812

Written comments may also be sent by electronic mail to dirvin@swrcb.ca.gov, faxed to Ms. Irvin at (916) 341-5620, or delivered by hand to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact the SWRCB's first floor mailing room. Any comments sent by electronic mail or fax must be followed by a mailed hard copy with an original signature.

All documents submitted timely will be posted on the Division of Water Rights website at <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/baydelta/TriennialPlan.htm>. Each participant is requested to bring additional copies of any written submittals to the workshop for the use of the other participants on the day the participant expects to make a presentation.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The enclosed maps show the location of the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building and public parking sites in the immediate vicinity. The Sierra and Coastal Hearing Rooms in the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building are accessible to persons with disabilities.

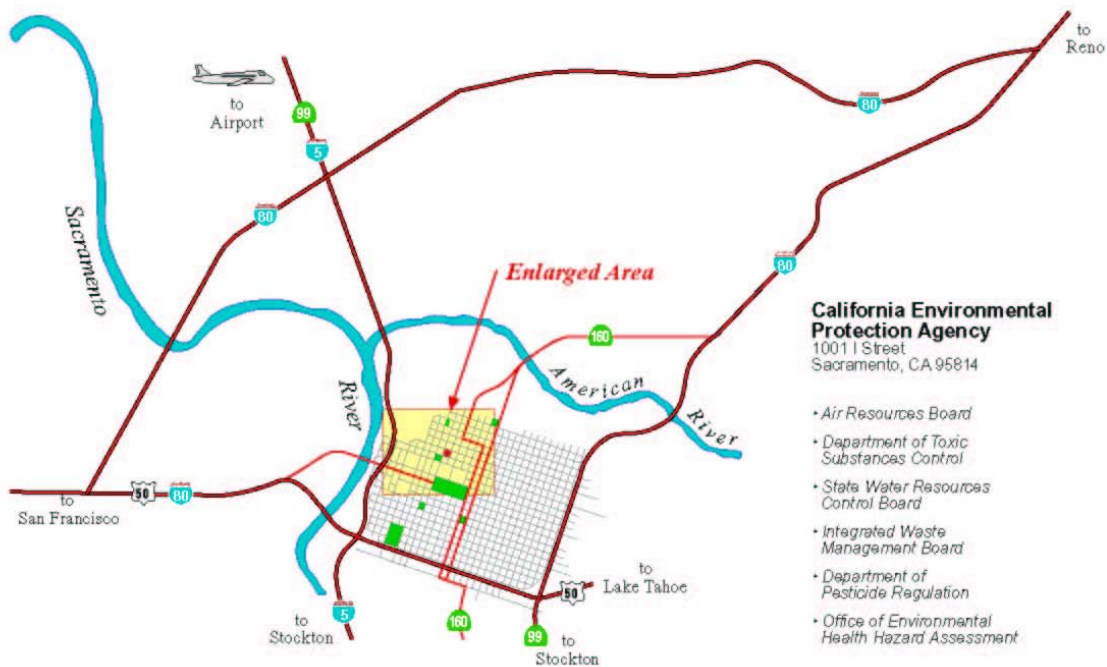
Due to enhanced security precautions at the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building, all visitors are required to sign in prior to attending any meeting. Visitors must sign in and obtain badges in the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, which is just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state and federal identification cards. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take from three to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to your meeting.

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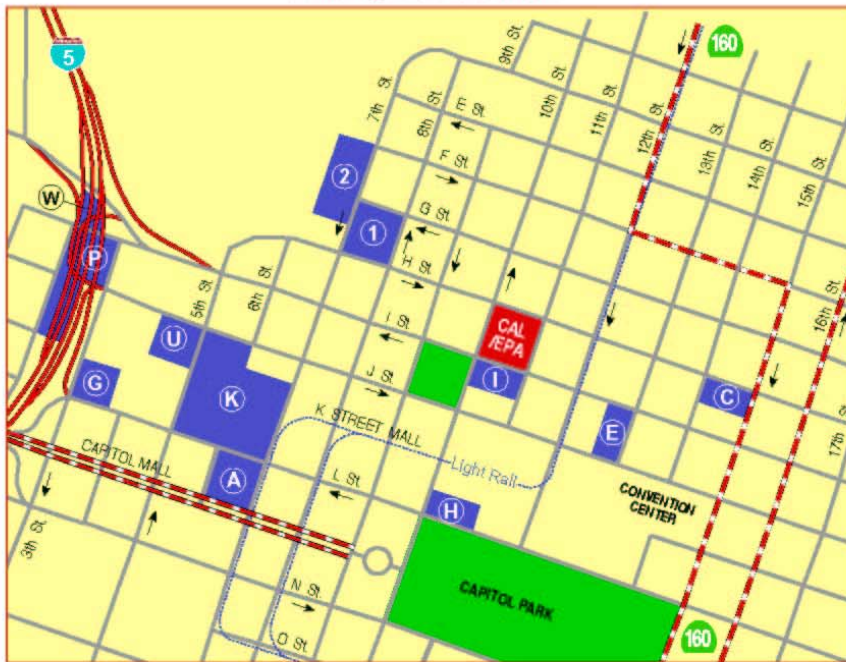
Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board

Dated: August 17, 2004

Enclosure



Parking Lot Locations



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- Lot 1 (7th & G St.)
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- Lot A (7th & Capitol)
- Lot C (14th & H St.)
- Lot G (3rd & L)
- Lot H (10th & L)
- Lot I (10th & I, 11th & I)
- Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)
- Lot P (2nd & I)
- Lot U (5th & J)
- Lot W (2nd & I St.)