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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**Workshop to Receive Recommendations to Improve Fishery Resources,
Including Actions to Slow or Stop the Decline of Delta Smelt, and Improve Water Quality
Conditions in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary**

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

at the conclusion of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting and no sooner than 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to receive recommendations on short term actions the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) should consider to improve fishery resources, including actions to slow or stop the decline of delta smelt, improve water quality conditions, and reduce impacts resulting from water diversion and use in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta).¹

BACKGROUND

The Bay-Delta includes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta), Suisun Marsh, and the embayments upstream of the Golden Gate. The Delta and Suisun Marsh are located where California's two major river systems, the Sacramento and the San Joaquin rivers, converge to flow westward to meet the incoming seawater tides flowing through the San Francisco Bay. The watershed of the Bay-Delta is a critical source of water supply for much of California. The watershed is a source of drinking water for two-thirds of the State's population; it supplies some of the State's most productive agricultural areas; and it provides water for fish, wildlife, and other public trust uses of water within and upstream of the Bay-Delta.

In recent years there has been a marked decline in numerous pelagic fishes in the Delta and in Suisun Bay. Of particular note is the ongoing decline of delta smelt, a federal and State threatened species. On May 31, 2007, the California Department of Fish and Game requested that the California Department of Water Resources temporarily cease pumping in the Delta to avoid further impacts to the delta smelt.

¹ A quorum of the members of the State Water Board may be present at the workshop.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE WORKSHOP

The State Water Board is seeking recommendations, and information to support these recommendations, on immediate, short term actions that it should consider to slow or stop the decline of smelt and to improve conditions for fishery resources. Specifically, the State Water Board is looking for information regarding the following actions:

- exercising its water quality authority under section 13267 of the California Water Code to require that persons who discharge waste, furnish the State Water Board with technical or monitoring reports
- reducing or ceasing point and nonpoint sources of pollution into the Delta
- reducing diversions, for export or in-Delta use, from Delta channels; information regarding the timing, magnitude, and geographic extent of any recommended curtailment should be provided
- requiring releases of water from upstream storage
- requiring measures that will ease potential dry year conditions, in order to ensure reasonable protection of water quality and beneficial uses in the Delta
- requiring any other actions if voluntary actions are not currently being implemented

The State Water Board will also welcome long term recommendations for improving fishery resources and improving water quality conditions.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, and to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be given time limits. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

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

The State Water Board requests that participants bring to the meeting an original and 16 hard copies, plus one electronic copy of the written comments to be presented, for Board Member and staff use. Additional copies may be provided for the use of the other participants. Board staff, would appreciate, if possible, that the Board Member and staff copies be sent in advance of the meeting to:

Ms. Gita Kapahi, Chief
Bay Delta/Special Projects Unit
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Hand deliveries and special deliveries can be delivered to:

Division of Water Rights - Records Unit
1001 "I" Street, 2nd floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants are encouraged to also submit their comments electronically. Any documents submitted electronically must be in Adobe™ Portable Document Format (PDF). Electronic submittals to the State Water Board of documents less than 15 megabytes in total size (incoming mail server attachment limitation) may be sent via electronic mail to: gwilson@waterboards.ca.gov, with a subject of "Delta Smelt Workshop." Electronic submittals to the State Water Board of documents greater than 15 megabytes in total size should be sent by regular mail in PDF format on compact disk (CD™) media.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Gita Kapahi, Chief, Bay-Delta Unit, at (916) 341-5289 or Erin Mahaney, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5187.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The enclosed map shows the location of the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building and public parking sites in Sacramento. The Cal EPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room is accessible to persons with disabilities.

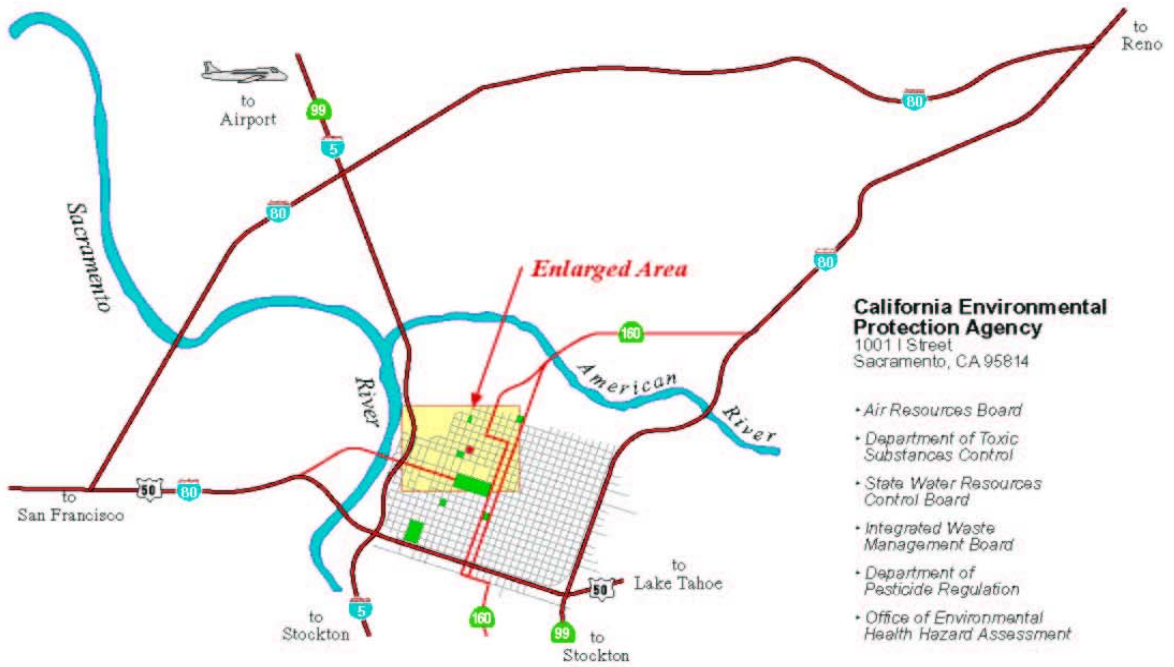
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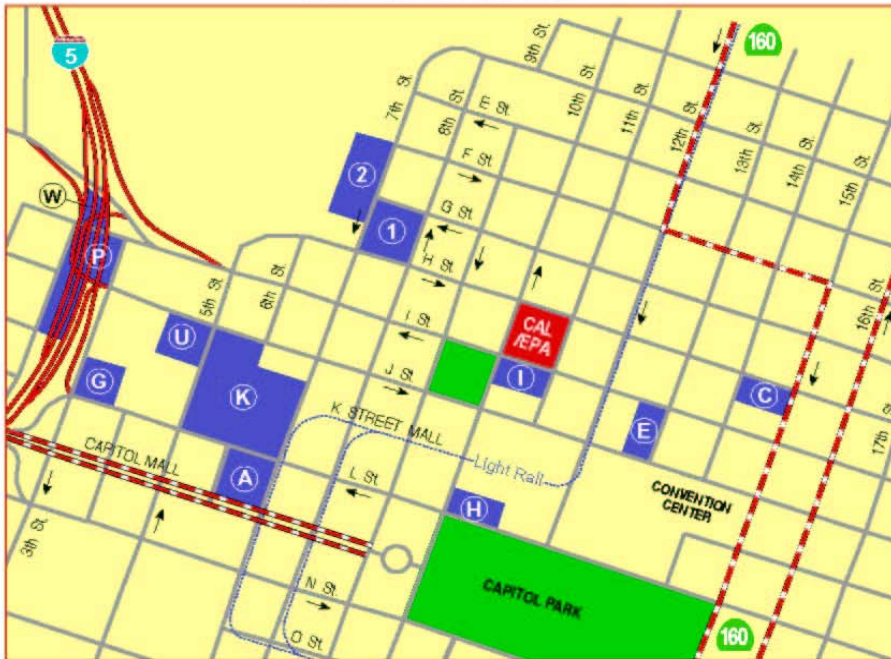
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Date: June 5, 2007

Enclosure: Map



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.)