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# State Water Resources Control Board

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

### AGRICULTURAL WATER USE EFFICIENCY

Wednesday, July 20, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Cal/EPA Building – Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a workshop to consider information regarding the current trends and condition of agricultural water use efficiency. This informal workshop will include presentations and panels of experts and practitioners to explore the state of California's agricultural water use efficiency, including practices, requirements, trends, and the challenges and opportunities for further efficiency.

#### BACKGROUND

California will continue to face water supply challenges and only through the efficient use of water will all the segments of its economy, including agricultural, continue to prosper. California's agricultural economy is number one in the nation and exceeds \$34 billion in revenue per year, much of this dependant on irrigation. The Department of Water Resources' *2009 California Water Plan* estimates that each year 9.2 million acres of farmland are irrigated with approximately 34.2 million acre-feet of water, representing approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of California's developed water.

Mr. Craig M. Wilson, Delta Watermaster, presented an Informational Report on *The Reasonable Use Doctrine and Agricultural Water Use Efficiency* (The Reasonable Use Doctrine) at the January 19, 2011, State Water Board Meeting. The Reasonable Use Doctrine listed a number of recommendations that promote Efficient Agricultural Water Use and can be found at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/2011/jan/011911\\_12.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2011/jan/011911_12.pdf).

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

This workshop will be informal. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take formal action at this workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. The workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board, as well as to agricultural experts and practitioners. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, oral comments may be time-limited. The State Water Board Members may provide direction to staff, but no final action will be taken.

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## **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Cal/EPA Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the Cal/EPA's website at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Catherine Foreman at (916) 341-5881, at least five (5) working days prior to the workshop. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device.

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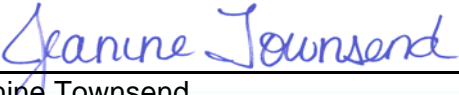
A broadcast and workshop agenda will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct technical questions about this notice to Steve McMasters at (916) 341-5716 or [smcmasters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:smcmasters@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date      May 24, 2011

  
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