



Terry Tamminen
*Secretary for
Environmental
Protection*

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights

1001 I Street, 14th Floor • Sacramento, California 95814 • (916) 341-5300
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2000 • Sacramento, California • 95812-2000
FAX (916) 341-5400 • Web Site Address: <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov>



Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Regarding
**Review of the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the
San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary**

Commencing on January 8, 2004 -- 10:00 a.m.
at
Joe Serna Jr./Cal EPA Building, Central Valley Auditorium

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to receive comments from agencies and members of the public regarding periodic review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (1995 Bay-Delta Plan, or 1995 Plan), which will help the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) identify elements of the 1995 Plan that may need amendment.

Amendment Process

Under its authority to protect the beneficial uses of water, the SWRCB adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary on May 22, 1995, in Resolution No. 95-24. The 1995 Plan superseded the Water Quality Plan for Salinity (adopted in May 1991, Resolution No. 91-34) and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh (adopted in August 1978, 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. This workshop formally begins the review process.

After the completion of the periodic review process, SWRCB staff will prepare any needed plan amendments or revise the entire plan. Any revised plan or plan amendments will include environmental documentation that is functionally equivalent to a document prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5. After staff has prepared draft plan amendments or a draft revised plan, the SWRCB will solicit public comments and hold a hearing to take formal testimony. After the SWRCB prepares responses to comments on significant environmental points and the public hearing is complete, the SWRCB can vote on a resolution to adopt all or some of the plan amendments or a revised plan.

WORKSHOP ISSUES

The SWRCB has received a number of suggested amendments in recent years regarding the 1995 Plan. The following workshop issues represent some of these suggestions. This list is not exhaustive, and the SWRCB encourages any party with concerns regarding water quality in the Bay-Delta Estuary to make suggestions on amending the 1995 Plan.

1. Should the SWRCB amend the San Joaquin River flow objectives for Fish and Wildlife uses in the 1995 Plan?
 - a. Should the SWRCB amend the April 15-May 15 Vernalis flow objectives in the 1995 Plan to allow for implementation of a range of flow and export conditions that are compatible with the experiment known as the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan?
 - b. Should the SWRCB amend the other Vernalis flow objectives in the 1995 Plan?
2. Should the SWRCB amend the chloride objectives on Table 1 for Municipal and Industrial uses that apply at Contra Costa Pumping Plant #1 in the 1995 Plan?
 - a. Should the SWRCB move the compliance point for Contra Costa Water District Pumping Plant #1 from Interagency Station Number C-5 to some other location?
 - b. Should the SWRCB change the time period for the first chloride objective (chloride less than or equal to 150 mg/l) to make it correspond to the water year (October 1 through September 30) instead of the calendar year?
3. Should the SWRCB amend the salinity objectives on Table 3 for Fish and Wildlife uses that apply to the western Suisun Marsh, at Interagency Station Numbers S-97 and S-35?
4. Should the SWRCB amend the narrative objective for salmon protection on Table 3 in the 1995 plan?
5. Should the SWRCB modify the preliminary Water Quality Compliance and Baseline Monitoring program provided in Table 4 of the 1995 Plan?

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

Participants are encouraged to provide written comments by January 2, 2003. The SWRCB requests that five copies of written comments be sent to Gita Kapahi, Chief of the Bay Delta/Special Projects Unit, at:

P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Hand and special deliveries can be dropped at:

Division of Water Rights Mail Room
1001 "I" Street, 2nd floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional copies for participants in the workshop should be provided to the SWRCB on the day of the workshop.

Participants are encouraged to summarize their written comments in their oral presentations. To ensure that all participants have an opportunity to participate in the workshop, oral presentations may be limited to 10 minutes or less. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The enclosed maps show the location of the Joe Serna Jr./Cal EPA Building and public parking sites in Sacramento. The Joe Serna Jr./Cal EPA Building Central Valley Auditorium is accessible to persons with disabilities.

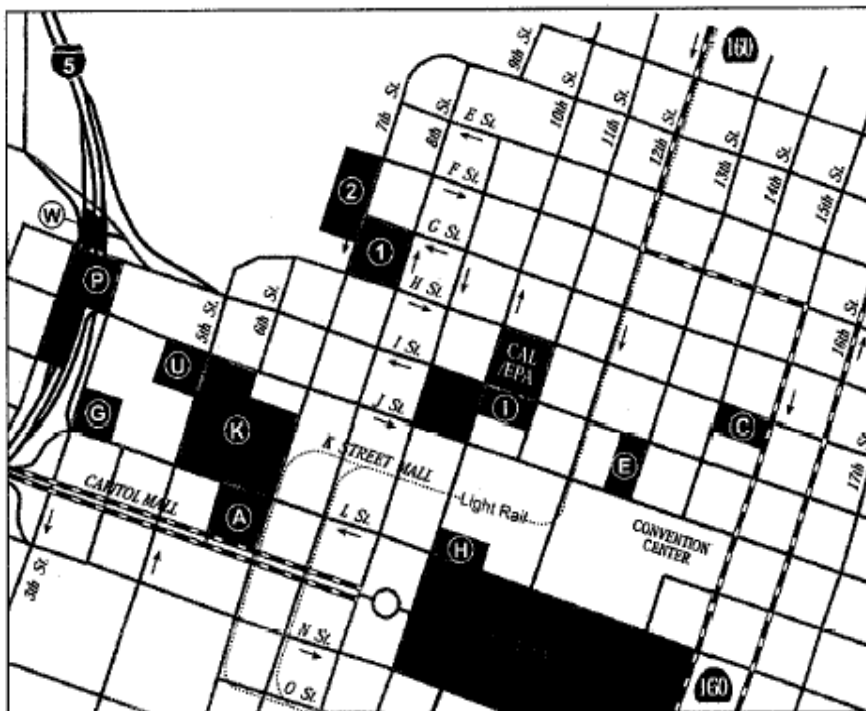
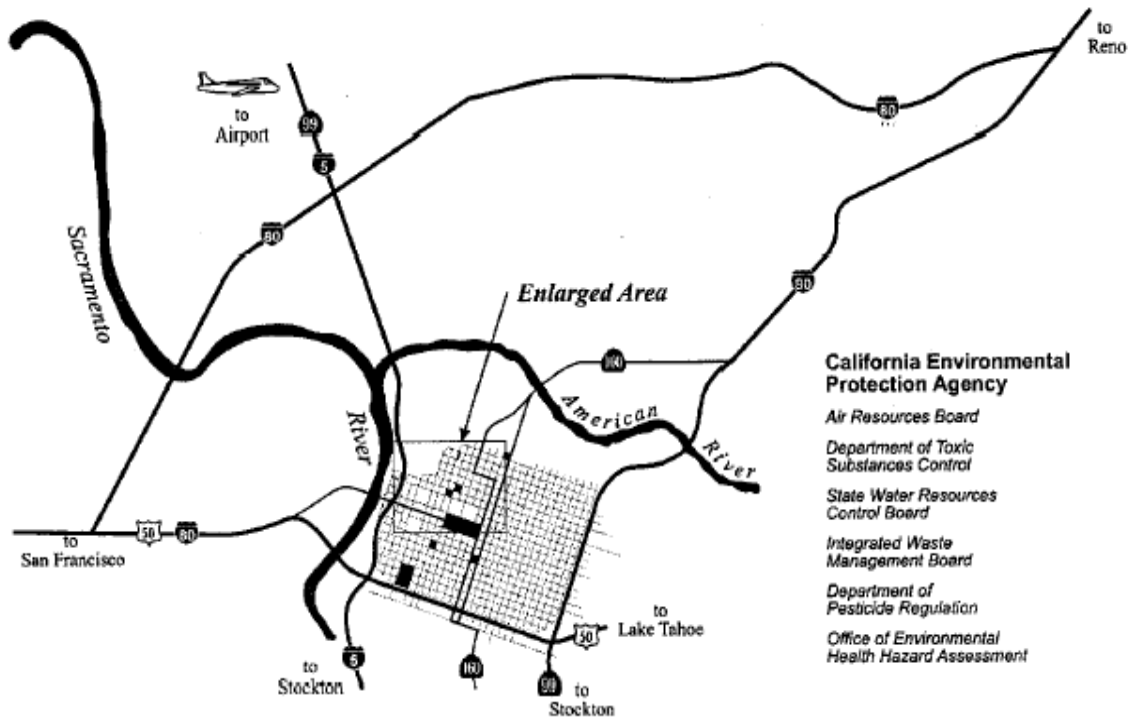
Due to enhanced security precautions at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building located at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, all visitors are required to sign in prior to attending any meeting. Sign-in and badge issuance occur in the Visitor and Environmental Services Center. The visitor center is located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Depending on their destination and the building security level, visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid picture identification can take the form of a current drivers license, military identification card, or state or 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.

/s/

Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board

Enclosure

Dated: 12/10/03



- Lot 1 (7th & G St.)
\$0.75 ea. 1/2 hr.
- Lot 2 (7th & G St.)
\$0.75 ea. 1/2 hr.
- Lot A (7th & Capitol)
\$0.75 ea. 1/2 hr. for first 2 hrs.
\$1.50 ea. additional 1/2 hr.
\$8.00 maximum charge
- Lot C (14th & H St.)
\$5.00 flat rate
- Lot G (3rd & L)
\$0.75 ea. 1/2 hr. for first 2 hrs.
\$1.25 ea. additional 1/2 hr.
\$13.00 daily maximum charge
- Lot H (10th & L)
\$1.25 each 1/2 hr.
\$15.00 daily maximum charge
- Lot I (10th & I, 11th & J)
\$1.00 each 1/2 hr.
\$12.00 daily maximum charge
- Lot K (6th & J/L, 7th & K)
\$0.75 ea. 1/2 hr. for first 2 hrs.
\$1.25 ea. additional 1/2 hr.
\$13.00 daily maximum charge
- Lot P (2nd & I)
\$0.75 ea. 1/2 hr. for first 3 hrs.
\$1.00 each additional 1/2 hr.
\$12.00 daily maximum charge
- Lot U (5th & J)
\$0.50 ea. 1/2 hr. for first 2 hrs.
\$1.00 ea. additional 1/2 hr.
\$12.00 maximum charge
- Lot W (2nd & I St.)
\$5.00 flat rate