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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Staff Workshop to Communicate with Water Right Stakeholders Regarding the Development of eWRIMS

**Friday November 3, 2006
beginning at 10:00AM**

at

**Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal-EPA) Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California**

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Division of Water Rights (Division) will hold a staff workshop¹ regarding the development of eWRIMS, a new water right software program in the early developmental stages. Division staff members and consultants assigned to the eWRIMS project will be present to answer questions and receive feedback regarding what information and features the stakeholders would like to see included in the system.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board recently received approval and funding to replace its Water Rights Information Management System (WRIMS) with an improved, customized software module, eWRIMS. The State Water Board has contracted four companies to work with its staff to complete this project: EcoInteractive, Inc., Vestra Resources, Inc., Informatix, and Bluecrane. eWRIMS is envisioned as a multi-functional program which will improve the efficiency of water rights business processes and thereby allow the State Water Board to provide better customer service to its stakeholders. A major component of the system is its expansion of the use of the Internet to conduct business with stakeholders, provide information to the public, and reduce the reporting burden on customers. eWRIMS will also aid the State Water Board in its overall commitment to the protection of California's waters by integrating with the existing California Integrated Water Quality System Project (CWIQS).

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

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Listed below are the five priority water right business functions that the State Water Board is most interested in developing and implementing in the new eWRIMS system to meet core business needs and legislative requirements. The Division is soliciting comments from the water right stakeholders to better understand their expectations of how the eWRIMS system may also meet their needs.

Please review the top five water right business needs and be prepared to provide comments. Include any additional functional requirements you wish to have considered for inclusion in the new eWRIMS system.

1. Water Right Core Functionality

eWRIMS will replace the core functionality of water right business processes that WRIMS currently provides and additionally will provide some enhancements. Benefits of upgrading the system include maintaining existing data and reducing the risk of catastrophic system failure. A primary enhancement to the core functionality of eWRIMS is the increased use of WRIMS' Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology so that any general change to water rights in a given area will be immediately viewable and accessible through the Internet.

2. Automate Annual Fee Billing

eWRIMS will automate the annual water right fee billing workflow process and thereby reduce the existing manual effort associated with accessing, updating, and processing annual fee billing information in WRIMS. The fee billing data from eWRIMS will be transferred to the Board of Equalization for final invoicing. For the past three years, the Division has redirected staff to work on billing issues, making them unavailable for other water right work.

3. Implement Water Right Workflow Tracking process

The Division currently uses a system of manual route slips to track its workflow processes. eWRIMS will utilize an automated workflow tracking process that emulates the existing hard copy process. The eWRIMS paperless solution will track the steps of Division staff and report the status of particular tasks.

4. Access to Reports

New water right reports will be developed by the Division and will be made available for public access via the Internet.

5. Annual Reporting by Water Users

Online filing of annual reports by water users will again be available, including Reports of Permittee, Reports of Licensee, Supplemental Statements of Water Diversion and Use, and Groundwater Extraction Reports.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

This is an informal workshop conducted by Division staff. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, they will not formally participate in the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. Division staff and contracted consultants may, however, ask clarifying questions.

The Division will accept written comments prior to and for a period of 30 days following the workshop. Comments should be addressed to Marie Hoffman, Analyst with the Division of Water Rights, at the following address:

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Electronic copies of written comments may be submitted to Ms. Hoffman at mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov. The subject line of any comments should read: "eWRIMS Workshop." Workshop participants are encouraged to summarize their written comments in their oral presentations. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations. All submitted comments will be posted at the Division of Water Rights website: <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/hearings>

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Public parking is available at metered spaces on area streets, and in the public garages. A map of the building and surrounding parking facilities is enclosed and can also be viewed at www.waterrights.ca.gov/hearings/DwntnPk.pdf.

The Cal-EPA Headquarters Building second floor hearing rooms are 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 hearing date. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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An audio broadcast of the Board workshop will be available beginning 10:00 a.m., November 3, 2006, at www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

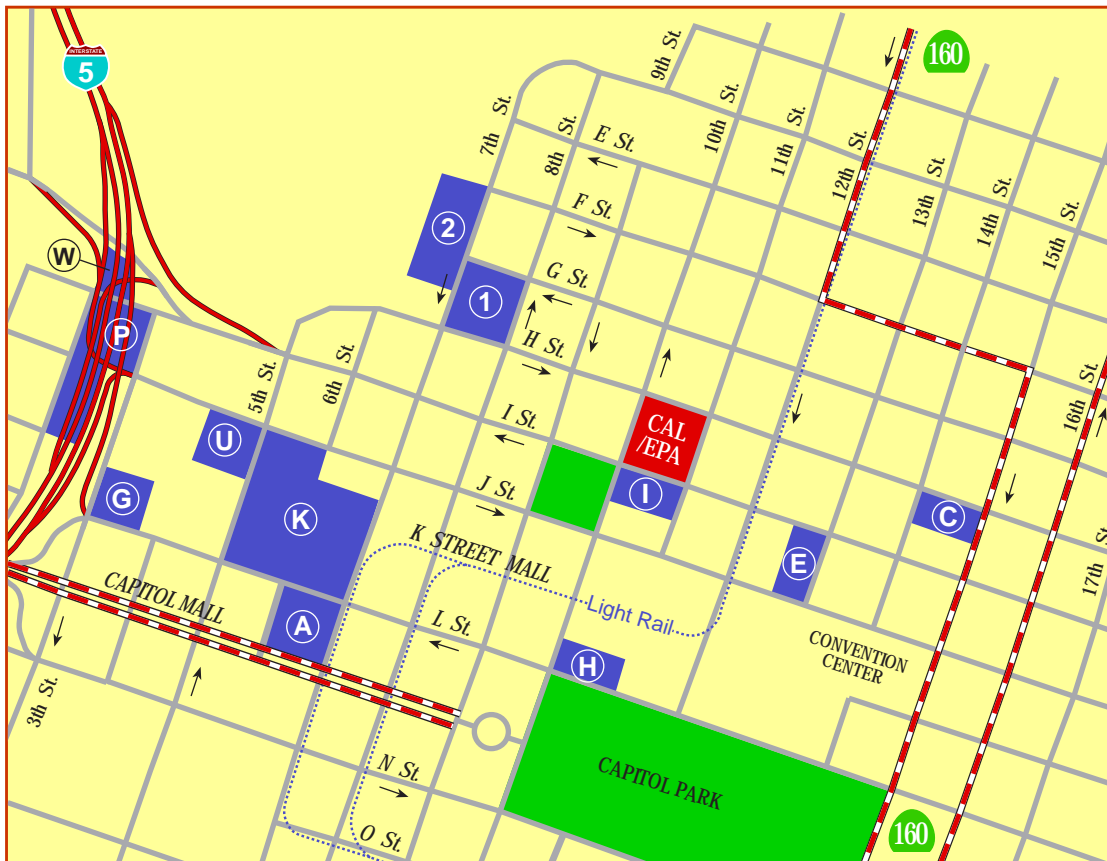
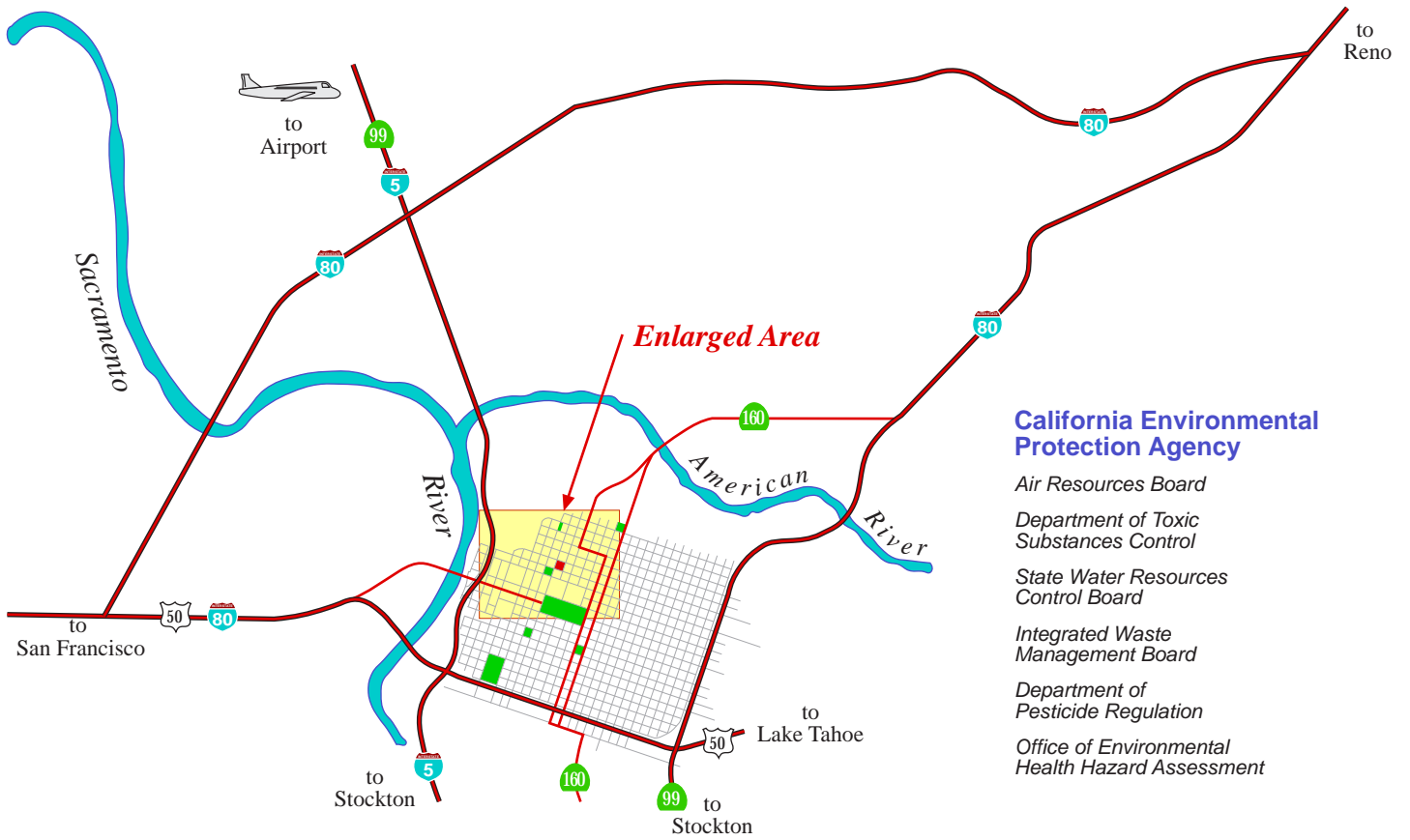
Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Marie Hoffman at (916) 341-5395. Questions may also be sent electronically to mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line of "eWRIMS Workshop."

October 17, 2006

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