



State Water Resources Control Board

June 16, 2023

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Dear Mmes. Dunham, Spaletta, Fisher, and Mr. Sullivan:

PETITION OF GROWER-SHIPPER ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, GROWER-SHIPPER ASSOCIATION OF SANTA BARBARA AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES, WESTERN GROWER ASSOCIATION, WESTERN PLANT HEALTH ASSOCIATION, MONTEREY COUNTY FARM BUREAU, CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, & CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY COMMISSION, AND PETITION OF CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER ALLIANCE, SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER, MONTEREY COASTKEEPER, SAN JERARDO COOPERATIVE, INC., CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, & INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES FOR REVIEW OF GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS, ORDER NO. R3-2021-0040, DATED APRIL 15, 2021; ISSUED BY CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED ORDER, NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING **SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2751(a-b)**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff is hereby releasing a proposed order in the above-entitled matter. The State Water Board is soliciting comments on the proposed order. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 19, 2023**. Please indicate in the subject line, "8/15/23 Board Meeting: Comments on A-2751(a-b) Proposed Order." Electronic submission of written comments is encouraged. Written comments must be addressed to:

Ms. Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor

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Notice is also hereby given that the State Water Board will hold a public meeting to receive oral comments and consider adoption of the proposed order on:

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

The agenda for the August 15, 2023 Board Meeting, along with instructions for participating in the Board Meeting, will be posted on or about August 4, 2023 at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

All comments shall be based solely upon evidence contained in the record or upon legal argument. Supplemental evidence will not be permitted except under the limited circumstances described in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050.6.

To ensure a productive and efficient Board meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral statements will be time limited. Parties and interested persons are encouraged to prepare panel presentations. Petitioners and interested persons proposing panels must contact Eric Gillman by e-mail at eric.gillman@waterboards.ca.gov by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, with the proposed panel and requested amount of time for presentation. Non-panel speakers are expected to be limited to five minutes per speaker.

Any materials to be presented at the meeting, including PowerPoint presentations and other visual displays, must be submitted to the Clerk to the Board by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Please indicate in the subject line: "8/15/23 Board Meeting: Presentation for A-2751(a-b) Proposed Order."

PROHIBITION ON EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

The prohibition against ex parte communications¹ does not apply to general waste discharge requirements until a specified date just prior to the State Water Board's scheduled adoption of the general WDRs.² That date will be specified in a future notice. Until that date, interested persons may communicate with State Water Board members regarding the draft order, provided that any oral or written communications between interested persons and board members are disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. More information and sample disclosure forms are available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte_form.pdf. There is no disclosure requirement for communications that occur at a noticed board workshop or meeting or submitted as a comment letter in compliance with a public notice.

¹ Gov. Code, § 11430.10 et seq.

² Wat. Code, §13287.

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WEBCAST OF BOARD MEETING

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND FUTURE NOTICES

Additional information regarding this matter is available at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/swrch-occ_files_a-2751_a-b.html. Any future notices regarding this matter will be sent to the electronic mailing list named "A-2751(a-b)" under "Legal Notices – Office of Chief Counsel" at
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 322-8421 or
eric.gillman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Eric Gillman

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