
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

For Consideration of Resolutions Approving
A Management Agency Agreement (MAA) with the
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and
A Real Time Management Program (RTMP) Framework
For the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges to the
Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR)

This Notice updates a Notice that was previously issued on 27 June 2014.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has postponed consideration of resolutions to approve revisions to an existing MAA with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and approval of a RTMP framework document. The Resolutions had been scheduled for consideration during the Board meeting on 9/10 October 2014. However, Central Valley Water Board staff, USBR staff, and San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority representatives will present an informational update during the October meeting. Written comments regarding the draft MAA and the draft RTMP were received and responses to comments are being prepared. The revised documents will be considered for approval during the 4/5 December 2014 Central Valley Water Board meeting.

The MAA was prepared by USBR and Central Valley Water Board staff, and outlines the ways in which the two agencies will work towards meeting salinity water quality objectives in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. The RTMP framework document, which was prepared by USBR, participating agricultural irrigation dischargers that discharge to the Lower San Joaquin River, and other interested parties, describes a series of management activities that are designed to achieve compliance with water quality objectives by synchronizing the discharge of saline water with times when there is available assimilative capacity in the LSJR. Both documents have been developed pursuant to the Control Program for Salt and Boron Discharges to the Lower San Joaquin River, which is a part of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins*, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011.

The draft documents are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/vernalissalt_boron/index.shtml

Copies of the draft MAA and draft RTMP framework document can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 PM. Anyone having questions about the draft MAA or the draft RTMP framework may contact Jim Brownell at (916) 464-4675 or at Brownell.James@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Resolution, MAA, and RTMP for Lower San Joaquin River

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