
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**The State Water Resources Control Board will conduct
a workshop to**

**RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING A DRAFT DECISION CONDITIONALLY
APPROVING APPLICATIONS 31487 AND 31488 AND CONDITIONALLY
APPROVING PETITIONS TO CHANGE LICENSE 3723 (APPLICATION 5169),
LICENSE 4196 (APPLICATION 9247), PERMIT 11605 (APPLICATION 15673), AND
LICENSE 10180 (APPLICATION 18006) – INDEPENDENCE CREEK,
LITTLE TRUCKEE RIVER, AND PROSSER CREEK TRIBUTARY TO THE
TRUCKEE RIVER, IN NEVADA AND SIERRA COUNTIES**

**The Public Workshop will be held on
Monday, September 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr.-Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments regarding the above-described draft Decision. After receiving the comments, the State Water Board members may provide direction to staff regarding changes to the draft Decision. A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at the workshop, but there will be no final action taken at the workshop. A web-link to the draft decision is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/hearings/truckee_river/index.shtml

BACKGROUND

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Washoe County Water Conservation District, and Truckee Meadows Water Authority filed the above-mentioned petitions to change their respective permit and licenses for Independence Lake, Stampede Reservoir, Boca Reservoir, and Prosser Creek Reservoir in the Truckee River watershed. Reclamation also filed two water right applications seeking to divert and store water from Independence Creek and the Little Truckee River in the existing Independence Lake, and Stampede and Boca Reservoirs and to divert and store water from Prosser Creek in the existing Prosser Creek Reservoir. The applications and petitions are intended to accommodate implementation of the Truckee River Operating Agreement.

Protests to each of the four change petitions and two applications were filed jointly by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; Churchill County, Nevada; Newlands Project individual water right owners (Ernest C. Schank, Richard Harriman, Ray Peterson, Don Travis, Jerry Blodgett, Lester deBraga, and Larry Miller); and the City of Fallon, Nevada.

On July 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29, 2010, the State Water Board held a water right hearing in Sacramento, California on the water right petitions and applications. The proceedings were held in order to receive relevant evidence to be considered by the State Water Board in determining whether to approve, subject to terms and conditions, the four change petitions and two applications identified above. The State Water Board released the draft Decision on July 18, 2012.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As explained in the State Water Board's cover letter for the draft Decision, dated July 18, 2012, written comments concerning the draft Decision must be **received** by the State Water Board by **12 Noon on Thursday, August 30, 2012**, in order to be fully considered prior to the workshop. Comments should be limited to the general acceptability of the decision or possible technical corrections. Parties may not introduce evidence at the State Water Board workshop.

At the workshop there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants will be given an opportunity to summarize their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, and to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations from any interested persons will be limited to 15 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chairman. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

The State Water Board will consider adoption of the draft Decision at a subsequent State Water Board meeting. The State Water Board will issue a public notice of the meeting at least ten days in advance.

Written comments are to be addressed and submitted to:

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

You may also submit your comments to Ms. Townsend by fax at (916) 341-5620, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, or by hand delivery to the following location:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
Executive Office
State Water Resources Control Board
Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact the Executive Office on the 24th floor at (916) 341-5600.

Please include the subject line, "**COMMENT LETTER – 9/17/12 BOARD WORKSHOP: Truckee River Decision.**" Any faxed or emailed items must be followed by a mailed or delivered hard copy with an original signature.

QUESTIONS REGARDING WORKSHOP

If you have any non-controversial, procedural questions, please contact Jean McCue, Water Resource Control Engineer, at (916) 341-5351 or by email at jmccue@waterboards.ca.gov.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY AND SECURITY

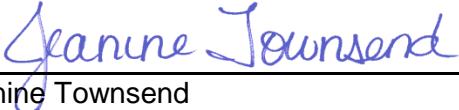
For directions and public parking information, please refer to:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

The Joe Serna, Jr.-Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. 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. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice (800) 735-2929; voice to TDD (800) 735-2922.

The meeting will be Webcast live at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. Approximately 15 minutes prior to the event (Pacific Time), the audio and/or video Webcast links will be added, providing a direct audio/video feed from the meeting room. Remember to test your connection prior to connecting to a Webcast.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to security requirements. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, and then proceed to the Coastal Hearing Room.

August 21, 2012
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board