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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR
SEDIMENT FOR PAJARO RIVER (INCLUDING LLAGAS CREEK, RIDER CREEK,
AND SAN BENITOR RIVER) AND LAND DISTURBANCE PROHIBITION IN THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COAST BASIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region 3 (Central Coast Water Board), will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Region. If adopted, this amendment will incorporate the Pajaro River Total Maximum Daily Loads for Sediment (including Llagas Creek, Rider Creek, and San Benito River) and Land Disturbance Prohibition, thereby revising the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). At the conclusion of the hearing the Central Coast Water Board will consider approval of the proposed amendments. The Basin Plan establishes measures to protect beneficial uses of water and achieve water quality objectives.

Actions to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Region will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The Regional Board is proposing to adopt a Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for sediment in Pajaro River, Llagas Creek, Rider Creek, and San Benito River (waterbodies). The purpose of these TMDLs is to protect the waterbodies from the degradation of water quality by protecting beneficial uses from the problems associated with excessive sedimentation. The TMDL Implementation Plan includes the adoption of a prohibition into the Basin Plan for certain sediment discharges from grazing, farm animal and livestock, and hydromodification activities. Copies of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan (in the form of a staff report, a substitute CEQA document which includes an Environmental Checklist, and draft amendment for adoption) are available on the Internet at:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/TMDL/PublicCommentParticipation.htm>.

Please see at the website: "Staff Report for Pajaro River Total Maximum Daily Loads for Sediment (including Llagas Creek, Rider Creek, and San Benito River)." The proposed amendments to the Basin Plan are also available by request at the office of the Regional Board; please contact: Kelley Blackshear at 805-549-3865.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: **December 2, 2005**

Time: **8:30 a.m.**

Place: **Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Dr., Ste. 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906**

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the hearing. Additional or alternative rules or regulations consistent with the general purpose of the amendment and complementary to the specific proposed rules may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of this hearing.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Board will consider certification of the environmental document and approval of the proposed amendments.

The public comment period will occur from **October 15, 2005 to December 1, 2005**. All evidence must be submitted in advance of the hearing. Policy statements and other comments should also be submitted in writing in advance of the hearing, but limited oral presentations may be made at the hearing. Written comments and all written evidence must be received by the Central Coast Water Board **by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2005**. Written materials must be sent to Larry Harlan at the address listed above. **Written material received after 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2005 will not be provided to Board members or become part of the record**, unless the Chair rules that no person (including the Central Coast Water Board) will be prejudiced by the late submission. A request to submit late materials must explain why the materials were not submitted earlier. The Chair will rule at or before the hearing. Late submissions that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) will generally be deemed prejudicial unless the Central Coast Water Board and all interested persons have time to consider the evidence before the meeting.

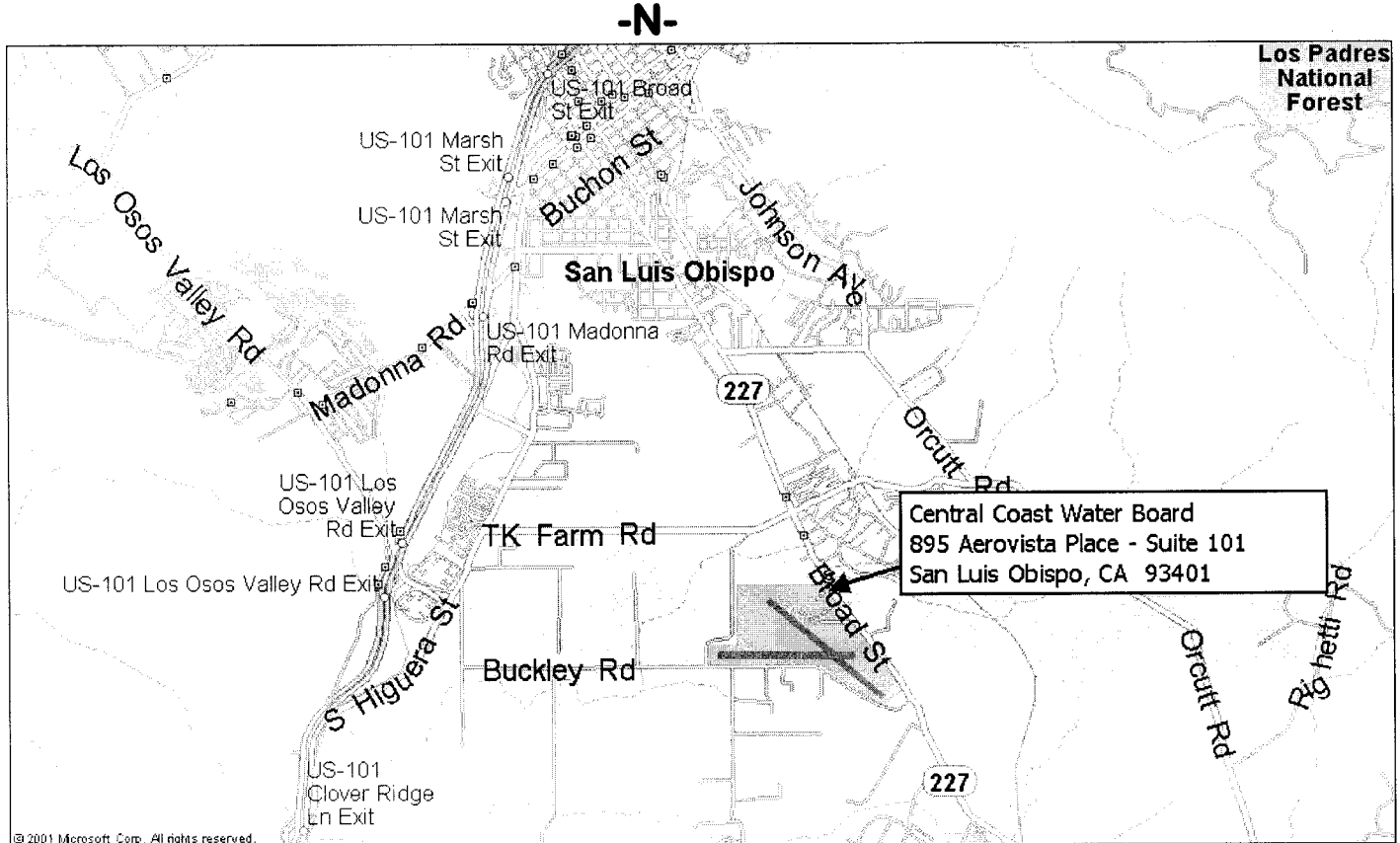
Your timely submittal will allow staff and the Regional Board members to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on December 2, 2005.

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Regional Board, and on the Internet at www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb3/.

The hearing and public parking location are indicated on the attached map. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Kelley Blackshear** at **805-549-3865** at least 5 working days prior to December 2, 2005. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

For additional information on this Basin Plan amendment, please call Larry Harlan at 805-594-6195.

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