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REVISED
(Comment Deadline Extended)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA, SEDIMENT QUALITY OBJECTIVES

Monday, November 19, 2007
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to seek comments on the proposed Water Quality Control Plan (Plan) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, Sediment Quality Objectives. The State Water Board will not take any action at the hearing. Action by the State Water Board will be at a subsequent noticed meeting.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, the State Water Board initiated a program to protect enclosed bays and estuaries through the development of sediment quality objectives (SQOs). The SQOs use a multiple line of evidence that integrates the chemistry, toxicity, and condition of the benthic community to determine the health of the sediment.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The draft Staff Report and proposed Plan may be obtained via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/bptcp/sediment.html>. You may also receive a copy by writing or calling: Chris Beegan, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, (916) 341-5577 (cbeegan@waterboards.ca.gov).

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SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS


The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed Plan. Interested persons are requested to submit written comments, technical reports, testimony, and other material concerning this issue to Jeanine Townsend, Acting Clerk to the Board, Executive Office, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, Fax: (916) 341-5620 or email: (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – Sediment Quality Objectives." **Comments should be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on November 30, 2007.**

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

There is a fee parking garage with an entrance on 10th Street (at the corner of P Street), and there are limited metered parking spaces in the vicinity of the building. Public transit via Lightrail is located at the 8th and O Street station.

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact the Department of General Services (916) 445-4566 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

November 9, 2007
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Acting Clerk of the Board