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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING BOARD MEMBER PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND FIELD TOUR

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a Workshop
to receive information regarding the implementation
of the LOWER YUBA RIVER ACCORD

The **Public Workshop** will commence
on Monday, May 9, 2011, at **9:00 a.m.**

at the
Yuba County Water Agency Office
1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901

The **Board Member Field Tour** will commence
on the same day and at the same address at **12:00 noon**

A public workshop and Board Member tour of the Lower Yuba River and the Feather River setback levee will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Yuba County Water Agency Office, located at 1220 F Street, in Marysville, California. The State Water Board will take no formal action during the tour and workshop.

NOTICE OF TOUR/LOWER YUBA RIVER

A quorum of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) members may be present at: (1) a Board Member workshop at the Yuba County Water Agency Office in Marysville, CA (between 9:00 a.m. and noon), and (2) a field tour of the lower Yuba River and the Feather River setback levee (between noon and 4:45 p.m.) on May 9, 2011. Board Members will visit Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) facilities along the lower Yuba River and the Feather River setback levee, with presentations at each stop. The YCWA will provide transportation from the YCWA office to the tour stops and back to the YCWA office. Members of the public wishing to join the tour should RSVP using the instructions provided in the "RSVP INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOUR PARTICIPATION" section of this notice.

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is for the State Water Board to receive a progress report on the implementation of the lower Yuba River Accord (Yuba Accord).

BACKGROUND

California Environmental Protection Agency

On July 16, 2003, the State Water Board adopted Revised Water Right Decision 1644 ([RD-1644](#)), to address fishery protection and water right issues involving the diversion and use of water from the lower Yuba River. RD-1644 amended the minimum flow schedules and other instream beneficial use protection measures in YCWA's water right permits. Following adoption of RD-1644, YCWA, several other water purveyors in Yuba County, and several environmental groups filed legal challenges to the decision. The lawsuits were stayed in anticipation of an agreement that could settle much of the litigation.

On April 21, 2005, YCWA, several Yuba River water purveyors, the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and four environmental organizations (NGOs) approved principles of agreements for a proposed settlement regarding instream flow requirements and other issues related to diversion and use of water from the lower Yuba River. The Yuba Accord was developed to resolve instream flow issues associated with operation of the Yuba River Development Project in a way that would protect and enhance lower Yuba River fisheries and local water supply reliability, while providing revenues for local flood control and water supply projects, improving statewide water supply reliability and providing water for protection and restoration purposes in the Delta. The Yuba Accord proposed to modify the instream flow requirements established by RD-1644, and to provide a level of protection for the lower Yuba River fisheries resources that is equivalent to or better than RD-1644. The Yuba Accord includes three separate but related agreements: (1) a Fisheries Agreement, (2) a Water Purchase Agreement, and (3) Conjunctive Use Agreements.

On April 27, 2007, YCWA filed a petition for modification of its water right Permits 15026, 15027 and 15030 (Applications 5632, 15024 and 15574) and petition for long-term transfer of up to 200,000 acre-feet/year of water under Permit 15026 (Application 5632). The petitions were submitted to request changes to the permits in order to implement the Yuba Accord. On March 18, 2008, and May 20, 2008, the State Water Board adopted water right Orders [WR 2008-0014](#) and [WR 2008-0025](#). These orders permit the enactment of the Yuba Accord.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE WORKSHOP

The State Water Board is seeking information regarding the implementation of the Yuba Accord.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, and to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be given time limits. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

The workshop will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.



The State Water Board requests that participants bring to the workshop an original and 11 hard copies, plus one electronic copy of the written comments to be presented, for Board Member and staff use. Additional copies may be provided for the use of the other participants. State Water Board staff would appreciate, if possible, that the Board Member and staff copies be sent in advance of the meeting, **no later than May 4, 2011 by 12:00 noon**, to:

Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 "I" Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Email comments should be sent to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "Yuba Accord Workshop Comment".

RSVP INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOUR PARTICIPATION

The YCWA is providing transportation for the Board Members, their staff, and members of the public participating in this tour. Although members of the public are not required to RSVP in order to participate in public meetings, anyone wishing to reserve a seat on one of the YCWA buses must RSVP with the Office of Public Participation to ensure that adequate transportation is arranged in advance for all participants. Please note that the tour will be to facilities on the lower Yuba River and the Feather River setback levee that are not available by public access. Accordingly, access to the tour will be available only on buses provided by YCWA. The deadline to RSVP for transportation is **April 25, 2011** by 12:00 noon.

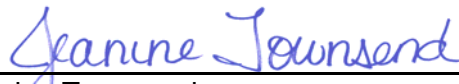
To RSVP, please send an email (preferred) with the subject line "Yuba River Tour RSVP" to Marie Hoffman at mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov. In the body of the email include a contact phone number along with the number of persons for each tour segment, namely: (1) the lower Yuba River; and/or (2) the Feather River setback levee. Alternatively, you may call Ms. Hoffman at (916) 341-5908.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Catherine Foreman at (916) 341-5881.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Marie Hoffman at (916) 341-5908 or Gita Kapahi at (916) 341-5501

April 18, 2011
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board



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SUBJECT TO REVISION

**Agenda and Itinerary for the May 9, 2011 SWRCB 2011 Workshop Meeting
on the Yuba Accord Update and Facilities Tour**

- 9:00 a.m.** Open the SWRCB workshop meeting at the Yuba County Water Agency office at 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901 (corner of F and 13th Streets)
- Overview of the Yuba River Accord.
 - Presentation on the Yuba Accord River Management Team activities.
 - Summary of YCWA's FERC relicensing process for the Yuba River Development Project.
 - Update on other YCWA activities within the watershed.
 - Overview of the Feather River setback levee project.
 - Public forum.
- 12:00 Noon** Depart by buses/vans to the UC Davis field station on the lower Yuba River. (Note, access will be by bus/van transportation only from the YCWA office to the UC Davis field station, and back to the YCWA office, which will be provided by Yuba County Water Agency, and buses/vans will depart promptly at noon. Members of the public must submit an RSVP to be included on the tour.)
- Lunch at the UC Davis field station and presentation on Yuba River fisheries issues. (Lunch will be provided by YCWA.)
 - The buses/vans will return to the YCWA office so that those tour participants who want to drive their vehicles to the Reclamation District 784 parking lot for the Feather River setback levee tour may do so.
 - Tour of and presentation on the Feather River setback levee project. (Note, access to the Feather River setback levee will be by bus/van transportation only, which will be provided by YCWA.)
- 4:45 p.m. (approx.)** The tour will conclude at approximately 4:45 p.m. following the tour of the Feather River setback levee project. (Note, transportation will be provided back to Reclamation District 784 parking lot and then to the YCWA office by YCWA, and buses/vans will depart promptly at the conclusion of the tour.)