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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

ON DRAFT PRIORITIZED SCHEDULE AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS TO COMPLETE INSTREAM FLOW STUDIES PURSUANT TO THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA REFORM ACT OF 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold an informational workshop at its November 16, 2010 meeting to hear public comments on the draft report to the Legislature. A quorum of Board members may be present, but no Board action will be taken at the workshop on this item. The sole purpose of the workshop is to receive public input.

BACKGROUND

Water Code section 85087, contained in the Delta Reform Act, requires the State Water Board to submit to the Legislature by December 31, 2010 a prioritized schedule and estimate of costs to complete instream flow studies for two categories of rivers and streams by two specific deadlines: (1) "high priority rivers and streams in the Delta watershed, not otherwise covered by section 85086, by 2012"; and (2) "all major rivers and streams outside the Sacramento River watershed by 2018."

The report does not have regulatory effect nor does it constitute an official plan. It may however influence future planning processes and activities under the Board's obligation to protect public trust resources.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft report is available on the State Water Board's website at
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board is especially interested in written comment letters that address the following areas:

1. Whether there are streams that should be added to the list.
2. Whether there are existing and adequate streamflow studies for streams that are on the list.
3. Whether there is other information available on likely costs that will help inform the Board.



Written comments (electronic submission preferred) must be received **by 12:00 noon on November 10, 2010** and submitted to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 341-5621
Email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Please write "Comment Letter – Instream Flow Studies Report" in the subject line. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the November 16, 2010 Board meeting, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing, oral presentations may be time-limited.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's Web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

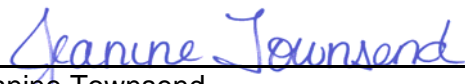
The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Joanna Jensen at (916) 341-5582 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Marie Hoffman at (916) 341-5395 (mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov).

November 2, 2010
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board