

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS TO ADD ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES IN THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BETWEEN THE MOUTH OF THE MERCED RIVER AND THE AIRPORT WAY BRIDGE NEAR VERNALIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to add electrical conductivity water quality objectives in the San Joaquin River between the mouth of the Merced River and the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis. The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on June 9, 2017, and is available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/upstream_salt_boron/index.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Anne Littlejohn at (916) 464-4840 or anne.littlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov. The Basin Plan amendment and supporting materials can also be reviewed by visiting the Central Valley Water Board at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, in Rancho Cordova, California during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for a meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment (including those who have submitted or will submit oral or written comments to the Central Valley Water Board or State Water Board) **must subscribe** to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml
(please select "Salinity - Lower San Joaquin River Salt/Boron (CV-SALTS)").

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Central Valley Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on October 30, 2017**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter— Basin Plan Amendment to Add Electrical Conductivity Water Quality Objectives in the San Joaquin River between the mouth of the Merced River and the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis.**"

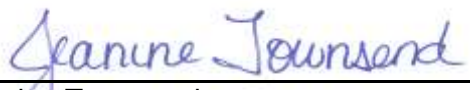
REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3779, subd. (f).) The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Central Valley Water Board.
2. If the Central Valley Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Central Valley Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Central Valley Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Central Valley Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Anne Littlejohn, Senior Environmental Scientist at the Central Valley Water Board, at (916) 464-4840 or anne.littlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov; or Patrick Pulupa, Attorney III, at (916) 341-5189 or patrick.pulupa@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 28, 2017

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board