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To: Agencies and Interested Persons

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND SCOPING MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP PERTAINING TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/ SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY

This letter is to advise agencies and interested persons that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) has released a notice of preparation and of scoping meeting for environmental documentation for the update and implementation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta) (Bay-Delta Plan) focused on southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flows. The location for this Project is the Bay-Delta watershed and any reservoirs for which water may be used to meet the water quality objectives. The area of potential environmental effects encompasses most of the State, including: 1) the watershed of the Bay-Delta, 2) the Trinity River watershed from which water is diverted into the watershed of the Bay-Delta, and 3) areas receiving water exported from the Bay-Delta. At present, sufficient information is not available to enable the State Water Board to determine the detailed scope and significance of the effects related to this Project. However, there may be effects on a wide variety of environmental resources including: species listed pursuant to the State and federal endangered species acts, aquatic biological resources, wetlands and terrestrial habitat, surface hydrology, groundwater hydrology, water quality, public services and utilities, energy and natural resources, recreation and other resources.

The State Water Board has also issued a notice for a water quality control planning workshop on consideration of potential amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan relating to the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives.

Both meetings will be held at the Cal-EPA Headquarters Building in the Sierra Hearing Room at 1001 "I" Street in Sacramento. The scoping meeting will be held on March 30, 2009, and the water quality control planning workshop will be held on April 22, 2009. Both notices can be viewed on the State Water Board's website at: <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/baydelta/>.

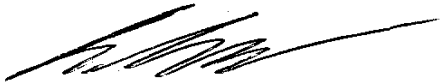
If you would like to receive future announcements about the update and implementation of the Bay-Delta Plan and other Bay-Delta related matters, please subscribe to the State Water Board's email list for "Bay-Delta Notices" at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. To save paper, the State Water Board strongly encourages interested persons to subscribe to receive information by email. Alternately, **if you would like to be placed on the State Water Board's hard copy mailing list for Bay-Delta related matters, you must request to be placed on that list.** If you do not request to be placed on that list (or request to remain on that list if you are already on the list) by **March 19, 2009**, the State Water Board will assume that you are not

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interested in receiving hard copies of information related to this matter and you will not receive hard copy notices until such time as the State Water Board receives your request to be placed (remain) on the hard copy mailing list. Requests to be placed on the hard copy mailing list should be sent to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights: Diane Riddle, P.O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, or Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line of: "Bay-Delta Mailing List Response".

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or would like to receive a hard copy of either notice, please contact Diane Riddle at (916) 341-5297, or via email at driddle@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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