



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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To: Interested Persons

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REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD KICKOFF MEETING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GROUNDWATER BASIN SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE BASINS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION.

On February 3, 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted a Recycled Water Policy through Resolution No. 2009-0011, which became effective on May 14, 2009. The Resolution and Recycled Water Policy, which encourages the increased use of recycled water, can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2009/rs2009_0011.pdf

One of the requirements of the Recycled Water Policy is the development of salt and nutrient management plans for every groundwater basin within California by 2014. The purpose of these salt and nutrient management plans is to protect groundwater from accumulating concentrations of salts and nutrients that would degrade the quality of groundwater and limit its beneficial uses. This notice is to inform interested persons of this new requirement and announce a Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) workshop to help stakeholders initiate the development process for these plans within the Los Angeles Region. Your participation in the workshop is an opportunity to join this important effort and to provide input on the process and organization for the development of the salt and nutrient management plans.

The Recycled Water Policy states that the development of the salt and nutrient management plans is to be driven, controlled, and funded by local stakeholders, such as local water and wastewater entities, with participation by Regional Water Board staff. The applicable language from the policy is provided below:

"The State Water Board recognizes that, pursuant to the letter dated December 19, 2008 and attached to the Resolution adopting this Policy, the local water and wastewater entities, together with local salt/nutrient contributing stakeholders, will fund locally driven and controlled, collaborative processes open to all stakeholders

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that will prepare salt and nutrient management plans for each basin/sub-basin in California, including compliance with CEQA and participation by Regional Water Board staff."

The Recycled Water Policy mandates completion of the salt and nutrient management plans within five years from the effective date of the Recycled Water Policy. Therefore, the salt and nutrient management plans must be submitted to the Regional Water Board by May 14, 2014. The Policy allows the Regional Water Boards to provide a two-year extension (until May 14, 2016) if the stakeholders demonstrate substantial progress toward completion of the plan. Once the Regional Water Board receives a salt and nutrient management plan, it has one year to consider it for adoption as a basin plan amendment.

The Regional Water Board will hold a kick-off meeting to convene the stakeholders and to discuss the requirements for salt and nutrient management planning on:

**Monday, November 15, 2010
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Los Angeles Regional Board
Carmel Room (1st Floor)
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013**

Please allow extra time to pass through the new security measures at the Junipero Serra Building. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

If you have question, please contact Ms. Renee Purdy at rpurdy@waterboards.ca.gov or at (213) 576-6622.

