

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

The 2018 Joint Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plans for the
Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins
and the
Tulare Lake Basin

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will hold a public hearing to complete the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans). The Basin Plans cover all the watersheds of the Central Valley from the Oregon state border to the northern tip of Los Angeles County. The Basin Plans identify beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establish water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and describe an implementation plan to achieve the water quality objectives.

The purpose of the triennial review is to identify high priority basin planning issues that the Central Valley Water Board will direct resources to over the next three years. Amendments to the basin plan may occur because of the triennial review priorities, but the amendments themselves are not part of the triennial review process. The triennial review process also does not include consideration of waste discharge requirements, waivers of waste discharge requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, or other permitting matters.

The public hearing will be conducted during the December 2018 Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Date: 6-7 December 2018 (Please contact the Central Valley Water Board office two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

On 16 August and 23 August 2017, the Central Valley Water Board conducted workshops to receive comments from the public on issues that should be considered in the review of the Basin Plans and the priority that should be given to each issue. On 4 October 2018, the Board conducted a public workshop to receive comments on a proposed prioritization process for Triennial Review projects. Staff has prepared a joint work plan for both Basin Plans, based on comments received in writing and verbally at the workshops. The work plan includes a review of Basin Plan Amendments since the 2014 Triennial Review, an overview of proposed projects, available Board resources, and project prioritization and ranking.

Interested persons may download the draft Triennial Review Work Plan in PDF format from the Central Valley Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennialreviews/

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670 or 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for written comments on the Triennial Review Work Plan is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 15 November 2018 and may be submitted either by mail or electronically. Please submit comments to:

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Fresno, CA 93706
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Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Board at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the triennial review should be directed to Walter Plachta at (559) 445-5576 or walter.plachta@waterboards.ca.gov.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

To receive an email notice as new information becomes available, subscribe to the Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Sacramento & San Joaquin River Basins and the Basin Plan Triennial Review for the Tulare Lake Basin [email distribution lists](#).

Please bring the above information to the attention of others who may be interested in these matters.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

16 October 2018