
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FILING¹

Concerning Proposed Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is proposing to amend the March 2011 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP).

The Central Valley Water Board is currently proposing to revise the ILRP Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for growers within the Central Valley that are members of a third-party group (General Orders) to incorporate the recently adopted Central Valley-wide Salt and Nitrate Control Program.

In order to evaluate the environmental impacts resultant from incorporating the Salt and Nitrate Control Program into the ILRP General Orders, a proposed Supplemental PEIR (SPEIR) has been developed. This SPEIR is a supplement to the original ILRP PEIR. This proposed SPEIR is the subject of this public comment period and public hearing notice.

Electronic copies of [documents showing the proposed SPEIR](#) are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website.
(www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/tentative_wdrs/)

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.:

- 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670
- 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706
- 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California 96002

¹ Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.

A public hearing concerning the proposed SPEIR will be held in the Rancho Cordova office on 22 and 23 April 2021. This hearing is to receive oral comments and consider adoption of the proposed SPEIR. The Board will only consider adoption of the proposed SPEIR and will not be re-considering other aspects of the original ILRP PEIR. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 22 to 23 April 2021
(Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Zoom
(In accordance with executive orders suspending certain provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted as an online meeting only)

The [final meeting agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available online at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the proposed SPEIR, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the proposed SPEIR from **8 February 2021** through **25 March 2021**. Written comments on the proposed SPEIR are due no later than **5:00 pm on 25 March 2021**.

Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov. Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's address to the attention of Sue McConnell. Materials received by **25 March 2021** will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered, and a written response to the comments will be prepared by Board staff.

At the hearing, Board staff will present a final recommendation for the Central Valley Water Board's consideration. All persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral presentations will be limited to **3-minutes** at the discretion of the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson and to contact Sue McConnell at sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 12 April 2021 if they anticipate requiring more than three minutes for oral comments. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids.

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Notice the [regulations governing adjudicatory hearings before the Central Valley Water Board](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq., and are available online. Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. Except as provided in Section 648(b), Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedures Act (Gov. Code, section 11500 et seq.) does not apply to this hearing. For questions regarding the hearing procedure, please e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Sue McConnell at (916) 464-4798 or sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations or interpreter services are requested to e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291 at least 10 business 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.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer
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