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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Monday, February 2, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Large Conference Room
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 110, Costa Mesa, CA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council will meet to discuss issues relating to its responsibilities pursuant to Senate Bill 1070 (Kehoe, 2006).

BACKGROUND

In November 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Resources Agency to establish the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council). The MOU was mandated by Senate Bill 1070 (Kehoe, 2006) and requires the boards, departments and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Resources Agency to integrate and coordinate their water quality and related ecosystem monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

Monitoring Council members include representatives from Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency, the Department of Public Health, the public, regulated publicly owned treatment works, regulated stormwater interests, water supply interests, and the scientific community. The Monitoring Council is also required by SB 1070 to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representatives attend all Monitoring Council meetings.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council develop specific recommendations to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of water quality and ecosystem monitoring and assessment, enhance the integration of monitoring data across departments and agencies, and increase public accessibility to monitoring data and assessment information. While the Monitoring Council may recommend new monitoring or management initiatives, it will build on existing effort to the greatest extent possible.

California Water Code Section 13181(b) requires that the Monitoring Council report to Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency "with regard to its recommendations for maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination, and for ensuring that collected data are maintained and available for use by decisionmakers and the public." Those initial recommendations were submitted on December 1, 2008.

MEETING PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this meeting is for the Monitoring Council to implement their initial recommendations to Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency, and to begin developing

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recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board for a comprehensive water quality monitoring program strategy.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The meeting agenda and related information are available via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at: http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/

Paper copies of the agenda and related documents will also be available upon request by writing or calling:

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LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

For meeting location, directions, and accommodations information, visit:
<http://www.sccwrp.org/view.php?id=39>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct technical questions about this notice to Jon Marshack at (916) 341-5514 or jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Date

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