



State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING POLICY DIRECTION ON WATER QUALITY ENFORCEMENT

Friday, June 28, 2007

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Joe Serna, Jr. / Cal-EPA Building

Byron Sher Auditorium

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments from the public and from water quality stakeholders concerning the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Enforcement Policy.

BACKGROUND

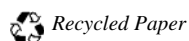
The SWRCB and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) (together "Water Boards") are the state agencies with primary responsibility for the coordination and control of water quality. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne) grants the Water Boards the authority to implement and enforce the water quality laws, regulations, policies, and plans to protect the groundwater and surface waters of the State. It is the policy of the SWRCB that the Water Boards shall strive to be fair, firm and consistent in taking enforcement actions throughout the State, while recognizing the individual facts of each case.

The Water Boards have an Enforcement Policy for their Water Quality Program, however, it has not been updated since February 19, 2002. The primary goal of this workshop is to gather input in preparation for the revision and reissuance of this policy. In addition, the SWRCB is seeking input from the public and stakeholders on the Water Boards' approach to enforcement.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE WORKSHOP

The following issues have been identified to focus comments and discussions on water quality enforcement.

California Environmental Protection Agency



1. What modifications do you recommend to the Water Quality Enforcement Policy dated February 19, 2002 <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plnspols/docs/wqep.doc> ?
2. What factors should the Water Boards consider in ranking their enforcement priorities? What particular water quality issues should the Water Boards make a priority for enforcement?
3. How can and should the Water Boards measure the effectiveness of their water quality enforcement programs in such areas as compliance rates, environmental quality indicators, etc
4. What information on enforcement should the Water Boards make available to the public through their websites?
5. How can the Water Boards more effectively use existing water quality enforcement tools? Are there specific additional enforcement tools, methodologies, or protocols you would recommend?
6. What are the most significant inconsistencies, if any, between the Water Boards in their enforcement activities? What suggestions do you have to address any inappropriate inconsistencies?

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The workshop will be informal and no action will be taken by SWRCB at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the SWRCB and its staff may ask clarifying questions. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the workshop.

Participants should submit written comments prior to the workshop. At the workshop, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, and to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to participate, time limits may be placed on oral presentations. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

Participants are requested to provide written comments **by 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 14, 2007**. When submitting preliminary comments, the SWRCB requests that an original and ten hard copies, plus one electronic copy be sent to:

Song Her, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax (916) 341-5620

Written comments and electronic presentations are to be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line: "**Water Quality Enforcement Workshop.**"

Hand and special deliveries should also be addressed to the Clerk to the Board at the address above.

Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Song Her at (916) 341-5600 or Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5602.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Reed Sato, Director of the Office of Enforcement, at (916) 341-5889, or Ann Crum, Enforcement Coordinator, at (916) 327-8195.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Joe Serna Jr. / California Environmental Protection Agency Building (Cal/EPA), Sacramento.

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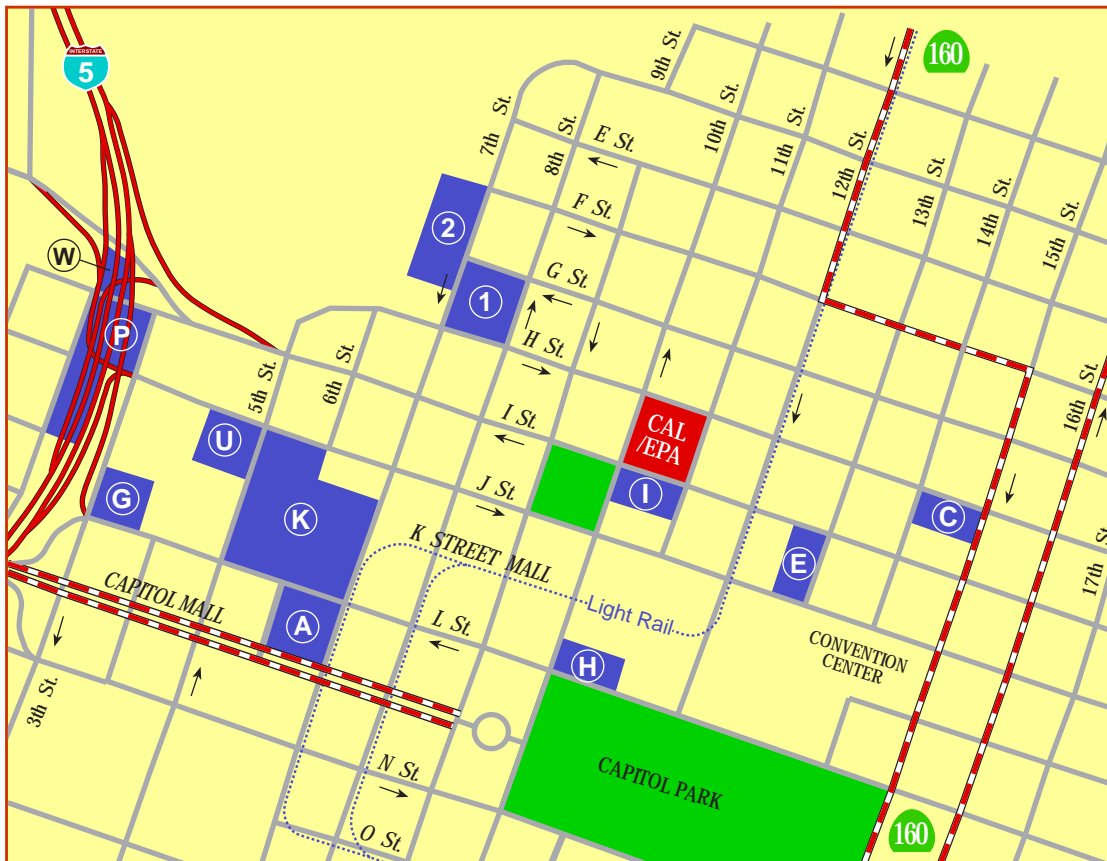
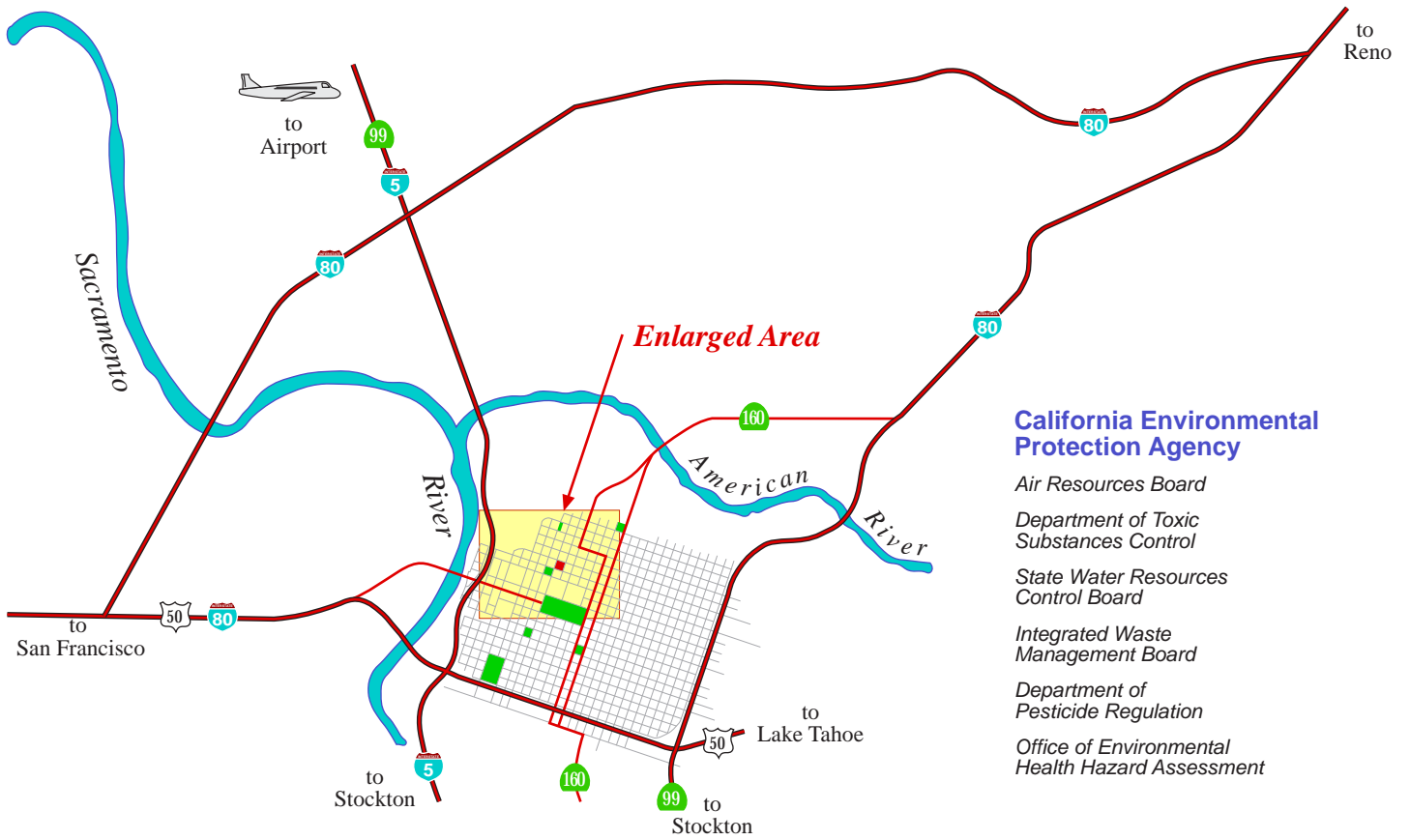
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Song Her
Clerk to the Board

Date: May 25, 2007

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