

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PENDING  
GENERAL ORDERS DISCLOSURE FORM

1. Pending General Order that the communication concerned:

SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2239(a)-(c): State Water Board review of petitions challenging Central Valley Water Board Order R5-2012-0116, Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group

2. Name, title and contact information of person completing this form:

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3. Date and location of meeting, phone call or other communication:

February 22, 2016, 2:30 pm  
Community Water Center  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

4. Type of communication (written, oral or both):

Oral communication during small stakeholder meeting.

5. Names of all participants in the communication, including all board members who participated:

From State Water Resources Control Board:

Dorene D'Adamo, Board Member  
Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance  
Emel Wadhvani; Senior Staff Counsel

From environmental justice stakeholder community:

Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center  
Debi Ores, Community Water Center  
Jenny Rempel, Community Water Center  
Timothy Kuzelka, Community Water Center  
Marisol Aguilar, California Rural Legal Assistance  
Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Counsel  
Robert Fuentes, Leadership Counsel  
Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action

6. Name of person(s) who initiated the communication:

Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance, State Water Board

7. Content of communication:

State Water Board staff has reached out to stakeholders in the above matter to offer an opportunity to hear a presentation by staff on the content of the proposed order issued February 8, 2016, and to ask clarifying questions. This meeting took place as a result of the staff stakeholder outreach effort and was attended also by Board Member D'Adamo.

State Water Board staff's presentation was an overview of the revisions proposed to be made to the Eastern San Joaquin Agricultural General Waste Discharge Requirements by the proposed order. The presentation tracked the discussion in the proposed order.

The environmental justice community representatives asked a number of questions at the meeting. The questions generally sought clarification regarding the meaning of a number of statements in the proposed order and of a number of specific provisions in the Appendix showing changes to the Eastern San Joaquin Agricultural General Waste Discharge Requirements.

The environmental justice community representatives asked questions specifically about:

- Whether and how the new A/R ratio differs from the nitrogen application reporting metric currently being discussed in stakeholder meetings with the Central Valley Water Board;
- Whether the proposed order is expected to lead to achievement of water quality objectives and whether the order continues to rely on groundwater quality management plans to achieve water quality objectives;
- The scope of well data to be reported to the Central Valley Water Board, including for irrigation and drinking water wells; and whether the proposed order treats the provision of replacement water, where well water is polluted, as a requirement or an expectation;
- Whether the direction provided in footnote 140 to no longer obscure well locations can be accomplished prior to adoption of the order;
- How the antidegradation analysis will account for the degree of degradation and ensure the minimization of degradation when no specific baseline is determined.

8. Copies of handouts, PowerPoint presentations and other materials used or distributed at the meeting:

There were no written materials distributed at the meeting.