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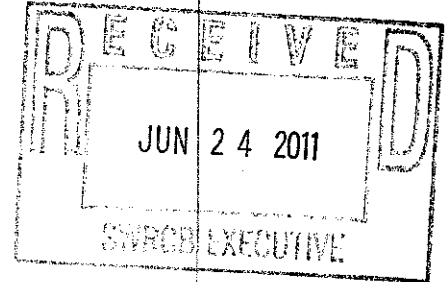
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Subject: Notice of Public Workshop - Water Diversion Measurement

On June 9, 2011 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) gave notice that a public workshop will be held on July 21, 2011 to consider information regarding water diversion measurement under California Water Code section 5103 subdivision (e)(1), which requires diverters of water who file Statements of Water Diversion and Use to measure their monthly water diversions beginning in January 2012, and Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations sections 920, 925 and 929, which requires Statement holders, water right permittees and water right licensees, respectively, to report their maximum rate of diversion achieved during each month.

Staff from the Department of Fish and Game's (Department) Water Branch have been coordinating with management and staff of the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights Enforcement Section regarding these new requirements. To address the January 2012 monthly measurement requirement, the Department is developing a compliance strategy that includes: 1) an inventory of current water diversion infrastructure for the Department's claimed (riparian and pre-1914) water rights, 2) an assessment of costs associated with purchase, installation, and maintenance of any required new infrastructure, and 3) proposed engineering alternatives for compliance with California Water Code section 5103 subdivision (e)(1) and Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations section 920. Monthly measurement of water diversions cannot be achieved until the inventory, cost assessment, and engineering design steps are completed.

The Department currently does not have funds available to develop the compliance strategy or to implement monthly measuring. The Department is currently in the

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process of identifying a source of funding in order to develop the compliance strategy as the first step toward full compliance.

The Department looks forward to continuing our coordination with the Division of Water Rights and views the workshop as an opportunity to increase our knowledge of water diversion measurement practices, requirements, and trends. If you have any questions, please contact James Rosauer at (916) 445-8360.

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