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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a Workshop to Receive Comments regarding a Draft Decision Partially Approving Applications 31165 and 31370 by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Western Municipal Water District (Muni/Western) from Bear Creek, Breakneck Creek, Keller Creek, Alder Creek and the Santa Ana River in San Bernardino County

The Public Workshop
will commence on
Wednesday October 7, 2009
at **9:00 a.m.**

in the
Coastal Hearing Room
Joe Serna, Jr./Cal-EPA Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments regarding a Draft Decision Partially Approving Applications 31165 and 31370 by Muni/Western from Bear Creek, Breakneck Creek, Keller Creek, Alder Creek and the Santa Ana River in San Bernardino County. A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present. After receiving the comments, the members may provide direction to staff regarding changes to the draft decision. The draft decision can be found at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/hearings/santa_ana_river/docs/sa_draftmunidecision082709.pdf

BACKGROUND

Muni/Western filed Applications 31165 and 31370 on March 21, 2001 and November 4, 2002, respectively. Under these two Applications, Muni/Western applied to divert water from the Santa Ana River, and from Bear Creek, Breakneck Creek, Keller Creek and Alder Creek, which are tributary to the Santa Ana River. The applicants propose to operate the project as a combination of storage and direct diversion not to exceed 100,000 acre-feet per annum (afa) under each application, with a combined total diversion of 200,000 afa under the

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two applications. The place of use for each application is located within the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside.

On May 2–8, 2007, the State Water Board held an evidentiary hearing concerning Applications 31165 and 31370¹. The proceedings were held in Sacramento, California in order to receive evidence relevant to determining whether, and under what conditions, to approve Muni/Western’s applications.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the workshop there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. 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, oral presentations from any interested persons will be limited to three minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chairman. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

Written comments regarding the draft Muni/Western decision must be **received by 12 noon on Wednesday, September 30, in order to be considered by the Board prior to the workshop.** Please indicate in the subject line: “**Comment Letter: Draft Muni/Western decision Workshop.**” When mailing comments, address them to:

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Written comments submitted via email should be sent to Ms. Townsend at:
Commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov.

Hand and special deliveries should also be addressed to Ms. Townsend at the address above. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

Please direct any questions concerning this notice to Jane Farwell, Environmental Scientist, at (916) 341-5349 or jfarwell@waterboards.ca.gov

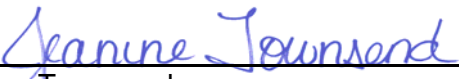
¹ The State Water Board also held the hearing to receive evidence relevant to determining whether the State Water Board should approve, subject to terms and conditions, water right; No. 31174 of the Orange County Water District; No. 31369 of the Chino Basin Watermaster; and Wastewater Change Petition WW-0045 of the City of Riverside. These applications and wastewater change petition will not be considered in this decision.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY AND SECURITY

There is parking across the street from the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Headquarters Building in Sacramento. The Cal/EPA Headquarters Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Catherine Foreman, Office of Employee Assistance, at (916) 341-5881.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register with security staff prior to attending any meeting. To sign in and receive a visitor's badge, visitors must go to the Visitor and Environmental Services Center located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state and federal identification cards. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take from three to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the workshop.

September 9, 2009
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board