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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF PHASE 1 OF THE SALTON SEA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting to receive information and solicit public input regarding the status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP).

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, ~~9:30 am~~ 8:30 a.m.
~~San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board~~
~~Board Meeting Room~~
~~2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100~~
~~San Diego, California 92108~~
North Shore Beach and Yacht Club
99155 Sea View Drive
North Shore, CA 92254

BACKGROUND
The March 19, 2019 workshop is being held in compliance with WR 2017-0134 to receive a progress update on the SSMP.

On November 7, 2017, the State Water Board adopted Order WR 2017-0134 amending revised Order WR 2002-0013 to incorporate additional conditions that set forth specific restoration milestones to address public health and environmental concerns. WR 2017-0134 requires that the Board hold a public meeting no later than March 31 of each year during phase 1 of the SSMP to receive oral and written comment on the status of Salton Sea restoration. The order also requires a report from state agencies, due in the first quarter of 2019, to identify: (i) completed projects and milestones achieved in the prior year; (ii) amount of acreage of completed projects that provide dust suppression and habitat restoration, broken down by habitat type; (iii) upcoming projects to be completed and milestones to be achieved prior to the next annual progress report; (iv) the status of financial resources and permits that have not been secured for future projects; (v) any anticipated departures from the dates and acreages identified in condition 24 of the order, and; (vi) progress toward development of the long-range plan described in condition 26 of the order.

For more information about the background and history of the State Water Board's involvement with the Salton Sea, please visit the State Water Board's web page at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP

The purpose of the March 19, 2019 workshop is for the State Water Board to receive information related to the progress of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program from state agencies and to receive written and oral comments from the public. Information is anticipated to be presented by the State Water Board, California Natural Resources Agency, and parties representing the SSMP technical advisory committees. The workshop is also an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board regarding the status of the SSMP. Input can be provided by submitting written comment or providing oral comment during the workshop as described below under procedural matters.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

This workshop will be held as part of a routine meeting of the State Water Board. This workshop is for informational purposes and no formal action will be taken. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take formal action at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

In addition to the content described above, the workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board. At the workshop, interested persons will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement any written comments with oral comments. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all interested persons have an opportunity to participate, oral comments at the workshops may be time-limited.

The workshop may be able to allocate time for participants with common interests to coordinate and provide oral presentations as a group. For those participants wishing to organize and present comments as a group please contact Justine Herrig by March 5, 2019 at (916) 323-5176 to determine if time can be allocated.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons must submit written comments by 12:00 p.m. on **March 14, 2019.**

For submittals less than 15 megabytes in total size, interested persons should email the submittal to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line: **"Comment Letter: Salton Sea"**.

For submittals more than 15 megabytes in total size, interested persons should (1) email a summary of their written information to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov; and (2) mail or hand deliver any additional information on a CD/DVD. For emails and other correspondence, please indicate in the subject line: **"Comment Letter: Salton Sea"**.

Mail should be postmarked by the comment deadline indicated above and addressed as follows:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Hand deliveries should be delivered by the comment deadline indicated above to the following address:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA

Interested persons with hand deliveries must check in with the Visitor and Environmental Services Center on the first floor of the Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building who will contact State Water Board staff to pick up any hand deliveries. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

WEBCAST OF WORKSHOP
A broadcast of the meeting will be available at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/

~~**PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**~~
~~San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board is also accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Chris Blank at (619) 521-3382 or Christina.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the staff workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.~~

~~For directions to San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's building and parking information, please refer to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's web site: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/.~~

Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the workshop.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP
Please direct any inquiries concerning this notice to Justine Herrig, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), at (916) 323-5176 or justine.herrig@waterboards.ca.gov.

Additional information is available at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/

March 8, 2019
Date

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Clerk to the Board

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