
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF AGENCY ACTIONS BY THE SALTON SEA TASK FORCE

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

This item will not be heard before 1:00 p.m.

Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA

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 an update from four agencies and receive input from the public regarding the status of agency actions identified by the Salton Sea Task Force.

BACKGROUND

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. established the Salton Sea Task Force (Task Force) in May. The Task Force includes experts from the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies, including representatives from the State Water Board. The Task Force has sought input from tribal leaders, federal agencies, local water districts, local leaders, and other public and private stakeholders with an interest in the Salton Sea. The Task Force relied on information gathered during these meetings to produce its recommendations, which were released on October 9, 2015, and included a description of the principles necessary for a successful Salton Sea Management Program. In addition, Governor Brown appointed Bruce Wilcox as Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy at the Natural Resources Agency to oversee habitat restoration efforts along the shoreline of the Salton Sea.

This workshop follows the State Water Board's workshop held on March 18, 2015 to solicit comments regarding the status of the Salton Sea and the State Water Board's [Revised Order WRO 2002-0013](#). 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

As a part of the Task Force, the State Water Board will regularly monitor and assess progress on the implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program, and periodically hold public workshops as part of this function.

The State Water Board is seeking updates from four agencies on the implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program:

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- The California Natural Resources Agency regarding efforts to improve public outreach and local partnerships and implement habitat creation and dust suppression projects;
- The Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding efforts to improve water quality in major tributaries to the Salton Sea;
- The California Air Resources Board regarding efforts to address air quality impacts from the Salton Sea; and
- The California Energy Commission regarding consideration of renewable energy opportunities at and around the Salton Sea and the region.

The Salton Sea Task Force included the specific actions for each of the agencies listed above in the recommendations that were release on October 9, 2015, and are available at: http://resources.ca.gov/docs/salton_sea/Task_Force_Actions-151007.pdf

In addition to the agency updates, the workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board relative to the implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons must submit written comments by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, December 30, 2015**.

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

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.

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 updates provided by the four agencies identified 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 presentations. The State Water Board has found panels are a very effective way for interested persons to present information to the Board. Therefore, the Board strongly encourages interested persons to not only coordinate their presentations but also to join on panels that present different points of view. The State Water Board requests that interested persons that will present in the form of panels notify Mitchell Moody (contact information below) no later than **December 11, 2015**, of the composition of their panel and time requested. The State Water Board may reduce the requested time.

WEBCAST OF WORKSHOP

A broadcast of the meeting will be available at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>

TRAVEL, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

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The Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Michele Villados, at (916) 341-5881, at least five working days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may contact us using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

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INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

Please direct any inquiries concerning this notice to Mitchell Moody, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (916) 341-5383 or mitchell.moody@waterboards.ca.gov. Additional information is available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/

December 4, 2015
Date


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Clerk to the Board