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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
ON**

**(1) Hearing Procedures
and (2) Proposed Settlement Agreements**

Concerning the Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearing

Regarding Consideration of:

- (1) Alternatives to Implement Water Quality Objectives for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary,
- (2) a Petition to Change Points of Diversion of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project in the Southern Delta, and
- (3) a Petition to Change Purposes of Uses and Place of Uses of the Central Valley Project.

**On April 21, 1998 and, if necessary, on April 22, 1998* at 9:00 am
and additional days as may be necessary.**

First-Floor Auditorium
Resources Building
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento

*The SWRCB will convene on this day only if there is insufficient time for all participants to comment on the previous day.

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is seeking comments and discussion on two subjects: (1) how the Bay-Delta water rights hearing should be structured, and (2) the status and content of settlement agreements being negotiated by the parties.

BACKGROUND

On December 2, 1997, the SWRCB issued a Notice of Public Hearing for the Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing describes the subjects of the hearing, provides background discussion, and identifies the key issues on which the parties should present evidence in the hearing. Subsequent to the release of the Notice of Public Hearing, several parties to the proceeding requested the SWRCB to postpone the hearing and related deadlines for submitting hearing evidence to

the SWRCB and the other parties, to restructure the hearing process to receive evidence in phases, and to postpone the deadline for submitting comments to the two environmental impact reports prepared for the proposed actions. The parties making the requests said they needed additional time to negotiate agreements on the responsibilities of the various water right holders to meet the flow-dependent objectives¹ in the 1995 Bay-Delta Plan.

On January 26, 1998, the SWRCB issued a Notice Postponing Public Hearing. The notice announced that the SWRCB would reschedule the hearing and deadlines for submitting evidence and that, prior to rescheduling the

¹ Flow-dependent objectives include all objectives that could be met by the flow of water or by changes in the operations of facilities, notwithstanding that such objectives could be met entirely or partially through other means, such as management measures and waste discharge requirements.

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