Agricultural Expert Panel Public Meeting #2
Wednesday May 7, 2014 – 8:30
(Invited Testimony and Public Comment)
Southern California Edison Energy Education Center
4175 South Laspina Street
Tulare, CA 93274

THIS MEETING IS A CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CHAPTER 1 OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2008 (SBX2 1, PERATA) REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE – RECOMMENDATION 14, EXPERT PANEL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMATION. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE EXPERT PANEL. A QUORUM OF STATE WATER BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE, BUT NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

AGENDA

I. Call the meeting to order
II. Declaration of a quorum
   Dr. Charles Burt, Panel Chair; Dr. Robert Hutmacher; Till Angermann; Bill Brush;
   Daniel Munk; James duBois; Mark McKean; Dr. Lowell Zelinski
III. Housekeeping announcements
IV. Review Agenda
V. Panel Introduction and opening remarks by panel members
VI. Review the Charge of the Panel and take invited and public comments
   • Presentation of charge to the panel and specific questions – Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board
   • Public Comment (Any member of the public may present comments or remarks to the Panel. Commenters will be limited to 5 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chair. Commenters will be asked to fill out a speaker card if they wished to be called to speak. Written comments are due by May 14, 12:00 pm noon.)
VII. Panel Discussion
VIII. Adjournment
Background
Chapter 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2008 (SBX2 1, Perata), required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop pilot projects focusing on nitrate in groundwater in the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley, and to submit a report to the Legislature on the scope and findings of the pilot projects, including recommendations. The State Water Board made 15 recommendations in 4 key areas to address the issues associated with nitrate contaminated groundwater. The key areas to address these issues are:

1. Providing safe drinking water.
3. Nitrogen tracking and reporting.
4. Protecting groundwater.

Expert Panel
Recommendation 14 of the State Water Board’s report to the Legislature was to convene a panel of experts to assess existing agricultural nitrate control programs and develop recommendations, as needed, to ensure that ongoing efforts are protective of groundwater supply quality. The State Water Board has contracted with the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC), a center established within the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo to assemble the expert panel of up to 10 persons. The Expert Panel members have been selected and information about the panel members is available on the ITRC website at http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm. Questions to be presented to the Expert Panel for consideration are provided below.

Written Public Comments
The State Water Board will accept written comments from the public for the Expert Panel’s consideration. Comments and remarks must be received by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 and addressed to:

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

Comments and remarks may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov.

If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the document(s) may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: “Agricultural Expert Panel Comments.”

Couriers delivering hard copies of documents must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.
**Schedule** (some dates may be changed at a later date and all changes will be noticed).

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| May 5th-6th, 2014* | Expert Panel Public Meeting #1             | San Luis Obispo  
5th: Irrigation Training and Research Center  
6th: Monday Club |
| May 7th, 2014    | Expert Panel Public Meeting #2             | SCE Energy Education Center, Tulare                                       |
| May 9th, 2014    | Expert Panel Public Meeting #3             | Cal/EPA Building Byron Sher Auditorium, Sacramento                       |
| June 30th, 2014  | Expert Panel Draft Report Released         | N/A                                                                      |
| July 1st – July 30th, 2014 | Public Comment Period on Expert Panel Draft Report | N/A                                                                  |
| July 18th, 2014  | Expert Panel Public Meeting on Draft Report | Cal/EPA Building Byron Sher Auditorium, Sacramento                       |
| July 28th, 2014  | Advisory Committee Meeting                | Cal/EPA Building Sierra Hearing Room, Sacramento                         |

**Project Tools and Information**

Project information, including meeting notices, agendas, meeting minutes, and other pertinent material/documents will be posted online at [http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm](http://www.itrc.org/001/swrcb.htm) and at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/).

To receive updates by email, please subscribe to our email list: Nitrate Project - SBX2 1 - Expert Panel. (Located in the "Water Quality Topics" section at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml).)

Please direct any questions about this agenda to Johnny Gonzales at (916) 341-5510 or Ashley Zellmer at (916) 341-5911.