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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY, NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOSTING OPERATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has prepared a draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (General Order). The State Water Board will receive public comments on the draft EIR and proposed General Order.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public workshop to provide information and receive comments on the draft EIR and proposed General Order. A quorum of the State Water Board Members may attend this workshop. However, the State Water Board will not make a determination, certify the EIR, or adopt the General Order at this meeting. Details of the public workshop are provided below.

Friday, February 13, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the General Order and associated EIR. The State Water Board may certify the EIR and adopt the General Order at the end of this meeting. Details of the meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is preparing a General Order for composting operations. The General Order will be used by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to streamline permitting and protect water quality. The General Order includes conditions that address appropriate water quality protection measures at existing and proposed composting operations.

The project may have significant effects on agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, and utilities. The draft EIR analyzes potential impacts associated with the adoption of the proposed General Order and reasonably attempts to identify potential mitigation measures to address any identified significant impacts.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS
The draft EIR and General Order are available for review online at:
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/.

For those without internet access, please contact Ms. Leslie Graves at (916) 341-5810 or by email at: Composting@waterboards.ca.gov to obtain the documents.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS
The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the draft EIR and General Order. The comment period will begin on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 and will end on Monday, March 2, 2015. Written comments must be received by **12:00 p.m. (noon)** on **March 2, 2015** and be addressed to:

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

Comment letters may be submitted electronically (preferred), by facsimile, U.S. Mail, or courier. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: "**Comment Letter – General Order for Composting Operations.**"

Electronic submittals shall be in pdf text format (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 comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. U.S. Mail must be **received** (not postmarked) at the State Water Board offices by the close of the comment period. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS
At the public meeting there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENDING GENERAL ORDERS
This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf
Any communications between interested persons and board members (other than at a noticed board meeting or submitted as a comment letter in compliance with the public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. Sample disclosure

forms are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf. Beginning **June 3, 2015**, ex parte communications between interested persons and board members concerning this item are prohibited.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board web site at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm. The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public workshop and public meeting at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public workshop and public meeting will be noticed on the State Water Board electronic mailing list (Lyris list). Any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed General Order and EIR, including any changes to the notice of public meeting and consideration of adoption, must sign up for Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, select "Water Quality" category, check the box for "Composting Operations," and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the proposed General Order and/or CEQA documents to Ms. Leslie Graves by telephone at (916) 341-5810 or by email at Composting@waterboards.ca.gov.

January 13, 2015
Date

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