



Public Comment Meetings for Draft Emergency Regulations for Basin Boundary Modification

The Department of Water Resources will hold three public meetings to solicit comments on the Draft Emergency Regulations for Basin Boundary Modification. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) established a process for local agencies to request that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) modify the boundaries of a groundwater basin, including the establishment of a new subbasin.

AUGUST 31, 2015

CA Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters

Byron Sher Auditorium

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California 95812

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Webcast Information:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>

To test your connection prior to the webcast please click [here](#).

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Bakersfield Community College – *Indoor Theater*

1801 Panorama Drive

Bakersfield, California 93305

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The Delhi Center – *Serafine's Ballroom*

505 E. Central Avenue

Santa Ana, California 92707

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

By January 1, 2016, DWR is required to adopt emergency regulations that specify the information required to comply with Water Code 10722.2, which outlines the process that local agencies shall follow when requesting modifications to existing boundaries of groundwater basins and subbasins. The basin boundary regulations also identify the methodology and criteria that will be applied by DWR when reviewing and approving the modification requests.

Visit the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Basin Boundary Regulations website at http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm

For additional information regarding basin boundary regulations, please contact Steven Springhorn at Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9273.

For more information or special accommodations contact Lauren Bisnett at Lauren.Bisnett@water.ca.gov or call (916) 653-7564.



Commenting on Basin Boundary Revision Draft Emergency Regulations California Department of Water Resources

Local agencies and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide input to DWR during the preparation of the draft basin boundary regulations and before the regulations are adopted. DWR will be holding three public meetings as described above. The draft basin boundary emergency regulations will be available online and DWR welcomes public comment.

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- *How to assess the likelihood that the proposed basin can be sustainably managed.*
- *How to assess whether the proposed basin would limit the sustainable management of adjacent basins.*
- *How to assess whether there is a history of sustainable management of groundwater levels in the proposed basin.*

Draft documents are available for review at:

Department of Water Resources
901 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

And at:

Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

And electronically on the project website at
http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm.

How to Make Effective Comments

All comments received on the Draft Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations will be considered in the final regulations and decision-making process. The most effective comments are those that follow these guidelines:

- Comments should be concise and focus directly on the draft regulations.
- Comments should identify the specific part of the draft regulations at issue and should include supporting evidence and facts.
- The commenter should provide complete references and/or citations, particularly when referring to websites (that is, provide a specific URL address rather than simply citing "DWR website" for example).

The comment period is from
July 17, 2015 through September 4, 2015.

**Comments must be received electronically
or postmarked on or before
September 4, 2015.**

HOW TO COMMENT:



At a Public Meeting – Via Comment Card

Email to

SGMPS@water.ca.gov

Mail to

California Department of Water Resources
Attn: Sustainable Groundwater Management Section
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236

Only comments submitted via the methods listed above are considered formal comments.

Statements made to project team members are not considered formal comments. **All comments received on the draft emergency regulations will be considered in the final regulations and decision-making process.** No final decisions have been made with regards to draft regulations; those decisions will only occur after the formal public review and comment period.

Timeline for Adopting Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations

- ✚ California Water Commission Meeting – **August 19, 2015**
- ✚ Public Comment Meetings – **August 31, Sept. 2, and Sept. 3, 2015**
- ✚ Deadline for comment on draft regulations – **Sept. 4, 2015**
- ✚ California Water Commission Meeting – **Sept. 16, 2015**
- ✚ Formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and supporting information – **October-November 2015**
- ✚ Presentation of proposed emergency regulations to CWC for adoption – **October-November 2015**
- ✚ Submission of adopted emergency regulations to Office of Administrative Law – **October-November 2015**
- ✚ Basin boundary modification requests accepted by DWR within 90 day period starting – **January 1, 2016**