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NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION

Subject: Process for seeking groundwater basin boundary modifications under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

The California Department of Water Resources (Department) proposes this emergency rulemaking action under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to adopt regulations that establish a process by which local agencies may seek groundwater basin boundary modifications through the Department. Specifically, these emergency regulations specify information required to support a boundary modification request as well as establish the methodology and criteria that the Department will use to evaluate proposed revisions to groundwater basin boundaries. The Department proposes these emergency regulations for adoption into California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1.5, Subchapter 1.

Under the APA, Government Code section 11346.1, subdivision (a)(2), requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency regulations to OAL, it shall allow interested persons five (5) calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6. Upon submission, OAL will have ten (10) calendar days within which to review and make a decision on the proposed emergency regulations. The emergency regulations will become effective when OAL files the regulations with the Secretary of State.

The specific language of the Department's proposed emergency regulations and Finding of Emergency are attached and are also posted on the Department's website at: http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed emergency action, please contact Steven Springhorn, Senior Engineering Geologist, Department of Water Resources, at (916) 651-9273 or via email at Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov.