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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>.

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To: Interested Parties

NOTICE OF EXTENDED PUBLIC SOLICITATION FOR WATER QUALITY DATA AND INFORMATION

On April 2, 2002, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued a notice of a public hearing on the revision of California's Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of water quality limited segments. The original solicitation for information related to this matter was issued in March 2001, and the record was closed on May 15, 2001. At the request of the Assembly Bill 982 Public Advisory Group (PAG), SWRCB is extending the deadline for submittal of data and information to June 15, 2002. PAG is a diverse group of stakeholders that provides recommendations to SWRCB on ways to improve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program.

SWRCB is seeking to obtain all readily available water quality-related data and information that was not previously submitted to SWRCB or a Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for the 2002 listing cycle. All new data and information must be received by June 15, 2002, and the hearing record will be closed as of that date. Any information that was already submitted to SWRCB or to a RWQCB by May 15, 2001, pursuant to the original solicitation in 2001, is already a part of the administrative record, and it should not be resubmitted.

For purposes of this solicitation, information is any documentation describing the current or anticipated water quality condition of a surface water body. We consider data to be a subset of information that consists of reports of measurements of specific environmental characteristics. The data and information may pertain to physical, chemical, and/or biological conditions of the State's surface waters or watersheds.

Data and information provided should include the following:

- Name of the entity or person providing the information.
- Mailing address, telephone number, and email address for a contact person who can answer questions about the information provided.
- Two hard copies and an electronic copy of all information provided. Please specify the software used to format the information and provide definitions for any codes or abbreviations used.
- Bibliographic citations for all information provided.

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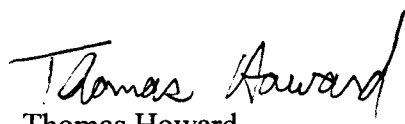
- Bibliographic citations and any calibration and quality assurance information available for the model(s) used, if computer model outputs are included in the information.
- Data in spreadsheet, database, or ASCII formats. Please specify the format and define any codes or abbreviations used in the database.
- Metadata for the field data, i.e., when measurements were taken, locations, number of samples, detection limits, etc.
- Metadata for Geographic Information System (GIS) data. The preferred projection is Teale Albers, NAD27. If you need an explanation of Teale Albers projection, please see the Teale Data Center website: <http://www.gislab.teale.ca.gov/wwwgis/albers.html>. Otherwise, the metadata should detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum (e.g., NAD27, WGS84).
- A description of the data quality assurance procedures.
- A description of the extent to which the data quality requirements were met.
- A general description of the potential source(s) of pollutants, if known.
- For data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts:
 - The name of the group.
 - Indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of the group.

Data and information should be submitted to:

Craig J. Wilson, Chief
Monitoring and TMDL Listing Unit
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

If you have any questions about this SWRCB notice, you may call Craig J. Wilson at (916) 341-5560.

Sincerely,



Thomas Howard
Deputy Director