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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Workshop to Consider a Petition Submitted by Trout Unlimited and the Peregrine Chapter of the National Audubon Society

March 17, 2005 – 11:00 a.m.
at Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal EPA) Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will be holding a public workshop after the regularly scheduled Board meeting to discuss a petition submitted by Trout Unlimited and the Peregrine Chapter of the National Audubon Society.

BACKGROUND

On October 27, 2004, two California conservation groups, Trout Unlimited and the National Audubon Society's Peregrine Chapter of Mendocino County (Petitioners), filed a petition with the State Water Board, California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), State Lands Commission and Sonoma, Mendocino, Napa, Marin and Humboldt Counties. The petition proposes the development of guidelines and procedures in order to assure coordinated, timely and effective regulation of water diversions in coastal streams from Marin County northwards to the Mattole River, including the Russian River watershed, as well as those streams in Napa County tributary to San Pablo Bay (central coast streams).

The petition is intended to assist in the implementation of AB 2121 (Stats. 2004, ch. 943) as signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 30, 2004. This law requires the State Water Board, on or before January 1, 2007, to adopt principles and guidelines for maintaining instream flows in central coast streams in accordance with State policy for water quality control, for the purposes of water right administration. AB 2121 also requires the State Water Board to annually prepare a chart of pending applications to appropriate water in the Counties of Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt, describing the status of each application, the actions taken