

Coming March 13, 2012

“Addressing Nitrate in California’s Drinking Water”

SBX2 1 UC Davis Study - Public Release Event

The University of California, Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences will publicly release its independent study of nitrate in groundwater for the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley on Tuesday, March 13. A public event will be held to present the study results.

The public release event will be held [2 p.m. - 5 p.m., on Tuesday, March 13, CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Auditorium, Sacramento.](#)

A live video stream of the event will be featured at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> under the title "Public UC Davis Nitrate Report Release."

The UC Davis report examines sources of nitrate contamination, impacts and costs, as well as promising funding and policy options. The public release event will provide an overview of the study. At the event, a panel discussion will reflect on the problem of groundwater nitrate, safe drinking water, promising solutions, and how this report might contribute to ongoing policy discussions in defining the issues and promising directions.

UC Davis is under contract with the State Water Resources Control Board to conduct its independent investigation and report on the findings and potential solutions for nitrate in groundwater in the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley. The findings and promising options in the UC Davis report will be used to inform the State Water Board in its development of recommendations to be outlined in a report to the Legislature that will be submitted later in 2012.

Public Release Event Agenda

- **Introduction/**Overview of the SBX2 1 Process, State Water Resources Control Board
- **Summary of Findings**, Thomas Harter, UC Davis
- Questions and Answers
- **Supporting Technical Reports**
- Sources of Nitrate and Source Reduction
- Groundwater Nitrate and Groundwater Remediation

- Treatment, Vulnerable Population, and Water System Option
- Policy and Funding Options
- Questions and Answers

- **Panel Discussion “Addressing Nitrate in California's Drinking Water”**

- Robert Gore and Jay Lund, UC Davis, *Moderators*
- Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises
- Celeste Cantu, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center
- Thomas Harter, UC Davis
- Paul Martin, Western United Dairymen
- David Orth, Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition

Information on the SBX2 1 Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley Nitrate Pilot Projects
can be found

at www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nitrate_project/index.shtml