

WELCOME TO THE EAST SAN JOAQUIN EXPERT PANEL MEETING

- **The meeting begins at 8:00**
- **Please contact Paul Smith (pauls@sccwrp.org) if you are having connection difficulties**
- **All observers will be muted until called upon during public comment periods**
 - You can use the Q&A box to communicate with the host if you have questions

BACKGROUND

- **The Eastern San Joaquin River (ESJ) watershed growers were issued a waste discharge permit by the Regional Board in 2012**
 - The permit included a surface water monitoring program
- **Adequacy of the monitoring program was challenged by several groups**
 - The State Water Board recognized some merits in the petition
 - They ordered the Regional Board to convene a panel of experts to review adequacy of the monitoring program
- **This is the third (and final) meeting of that Review Panel**

ESJ PANEL MEETING GOALS

- **The first meeting (three days in January) was to provide the Panel with background information**
 - Included a field trip
- **Second meeting focused on answering questions posed by the Panel**
 - Three day meeting in August via Zoom
 - Goal was for the Panel to obtain the information they needed to complete their report
- **This meeting is for the Panel to receive feedback on their draft report**
 - They would like to hear whether the report is clear, or how it could be made more clear
 - They also want to hear if you have any additional factual information that should cause them to reconsider any of their recommendations

TODAY'S AGENDA

- **We will first hear from speakers representing three sectors**
 - Parry Klassen/Tess Dunham – Growers
 - Sean Bothwell – Petitioners
 - Patrick Pulupa – Regulators
- **The rest of the time will be allocated to anyone who would like to provide additional feedback**
 - Including responses to the points made by the speakers
- **We will finish with schedule for finalizing the report**

REMOTE MEETING PROTOCOLS

- **Panel members**

- Panel members will be on screen throughout the meeting
- Panel members will be unmuted, but asked to self-mute unless speaking

- **Speakers**

- Speakers will be promoted to onscreen when it is time for their agenda item
- Speakers will remain onscreen until their agenda item ends

- **Audience participation**

- If you have a comments, please enter the nature of your question/comment in the Q&A box
- Please indicate if you would like to verbalize the comment yourself, or have it read for you

FINALIZING THE REPORT

- **The Panel will go into closed session to discuss today's feedback**
 - Focusing on how they should refine the report in response to the comments
- **Panel will continue to take written comments until the end of the month**
 - They will meet in closed session again in early December to consider any additional comments
 - Please send comments to stevev@sccwrp.org
- **The Panel will also make presentations to the State/Regional Boards**
 - The Boards are the ultimate decision-makers that must address some of the policy issues that were raised today
 - There will be opportunity for you to provide your thoughts about the report to these groups
- **I want to finish by saying thank you on behalf of the Panel**
 - You all have been incredibly helpful in providing the Panel the information and perspectives that were critical to them achieving their role