
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO ADOPT A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR TOTAL PHOSPHORUS TO ADDRESS CYANOBACTERIA BLOOMS IN PINTO LAKE AND A TMDL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR THE PINTO LAKE CATCHMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin that would adopt the Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Phosphorus to Address Cyanobacteria Blooms in Pinto Lake and a TMDL Implementation Strategy for the Pinto Lake Catchment (hereafter, "Basin Plan amendment"). The Central Coast Water Board adopted a Basin Plan amendment on July 16, 2020 (Resolution No. R3-2020-0034), that is available for review at:

[Pinto Lake TMDL webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/pinto_lake/index.html)

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A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by postal mail by contacting Peter Bonch Osmolovsky at (805) 549-3699 or Pete.Osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Central Coast Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment must subscribe to the "Pinto Lake Blue Green Algae" email list. Registration for this email list can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.html

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on April 5, 2021**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax to (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)


Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter— Pinto Lake TMDL**".

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)) the State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Central Coast Water Board.
2. If the Central Coast Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes the responses provided by the Central Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Central Coast Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Central Coast Water Board.

Please direct questions about this notice to Peter Bonch Osmolovsky, Engineering Geologist at the Central Coast Water Board at (805) 549-3699 or Pete.Osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov; or Stephanie Yu, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5157 or Stephanie.Yu@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Date March 5, 2021



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board