
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH CHLORINE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND WATER QUALITY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to (1) establish new chlorine water quality objectives to protect aquatic life beneficial uses in marine, estuarine, and fresh waters in the Region; (2) replace the total residual chlorine technology-based effluent limitation with water quality-based effluent limitations for wastewater discharges, and (3) specify how these water quality-based effluent limitations are implemented in NPDES wastewater permits. The amendment also includes minor, non-regulatory changes to harmonize the Basin Plan with Part 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California—Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions and to correct a previous error with regards to the applicability of Oil and Grease effluent limits. The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board on November 18, 2020 (Resolution No. R2-2020-0031) and is available for review at [the project page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/planningtmdls/amendments/chlorinebpa.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/planningtmdls/amendments/chlorinebpa.html).

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by email or post by contacting Tong Yin at Tong.Yin@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 in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment must subscribe to [the email subscription list](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml) and select "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and Information." The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the San Francisco Bay Water Board contact identified below.

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

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 February 17, 2021**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

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 at (916) 341-5620; or mail to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000


Please also indicate in the subject line “**Comment Letter—Chlorine Basin Plan Amendment.**”

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 of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board.
2. If the San Francisco Bay Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the San Francisco Bay 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 San Francisco Bay Water Board or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Tong Yin at the San Francisco Bay Water Board by emailing Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov or Marnie Ajello, Staff Counsel, Marnie.Ajello@waterboards.ca.gov.

January 15, 2021
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board