
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN ESTABLISHING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR ORGANOPHOSPHATE PESTICIDES AND TOXICITY IN THE LOWER SALINAS RIVER WATERSHED, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for organophosphate pesticides and toxicity in the lower Salinas River watershed (Basin Plan amendment) and supporting Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED).

BACKGROUND

On June 16, 2022, the Regional Water Board adopted the Basin Plan amendment and approved the SED via [Resolution No. R3-2022-0020](#). The Basin Plan amendment establishes TMDLs for three organophosphate pesticide compounds (chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion) and water column toxicity (toxicity) that currently impair several waterbodies within the lower Salinas River watershed, including: Moro Cojo Slough, Old Salinas River, Salinas River Lagoon (North), Tembladero Slough, Merritt Ditch, Alisal Slough, Alisal Creek, Blanco Drain, Salinas Reclamation Canal, lower Salinas River, Espinosa Slough, Gabilan Creek, Natividad Creek, Santa Rita Creek, Quail Creek, and Chualar Creek. The Basin Plan amendment establishes acute and chronic numeric targets for each of the organophosphate pesticides when present individually, an additive toxicity numeric target when two or more organophosphate pesticides are present in the water column, and a numeric target for toxicity to aquatic organisms.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A link to electronic copies of the Basin Plan amendment, SED, and supporting documents are available on the Central Coast Water Board's [website](#) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/salinas/oppesticides/)

Alternatively, these materials may also be obtained via mail by contacting Larry Harlan at (805) 594-6195 or Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING 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 October 28, 2022**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Address comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter - Salinas Pesticide and Toxicity TMDL”**.

Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Board Clerk via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in size, then the written comments may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery or mail to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814-0100 (hand delivery)
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)

Couriers delivering written comments must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779, subdivision (f), the State Water Board may refuse to accept any comment that does not satisfy all of 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 each of 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Board will consider adopting a resolution to approve the Basin Plan amendment and SED.

The date, time, and location of the public meeting is:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, 9:30 A.M.
COASTAL HEARING ROOM
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
and via Video and Teleconference

The agenda for the November 15, 2022, State Water Board meeting and instructions for participating the meeting will be posted on or about November 4, 2022, at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, a webcast is available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants at the public meeting. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time limited. For other presentation recommendations go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml .

If you require language interpretation or sign language services, please email a request to Larry Harlan at (805) 594-6195 or Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov (at least 10 business days prior to the meeting). Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS

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subscription form:

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To subscribe, select "General Interests", then check the box for "Board Meetings" and provide signup details.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board webpage on [Travel to the CalEPA Headquarters Building](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/) (<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>).

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5254 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Larry Harlan, Environmental Scientist, at (805) 594-6195 or by e-mail at Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 27, 2022
Date



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Clerk to the Board