

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF HEARING
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

To: Interested Persons

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Date: January 30, 2015

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for a Proposed Amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan - Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to Adopt Site-Specific Objectives for Lead and Copper in the Los Angeles River Watershed and to Revise the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Metals in the Los Angeles River and Tributaries

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Chapter 3 and Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan to revise water quality objectives and the TMDL for Metals in the Los Angeles River and Tributaries.

The proposed amendments revise the water quality objectives for copper using water-effect ratios (WERs) for Reaches 1-4 of the river and Tujunga Wash, Verdugo Wash, Arroyo Seco, Compton Creek, Rio Hondo Reach 1, and the Burbank Western Channel, and recalculate the lead acute and chronic water quality objectives using an expanded national dataset, and correspondingly revise the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals TMDL in accordance with the revised water quality objectives.

Additional regulations or policies, consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and complementary to the proposal may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of discussions.

I. HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Basin Plan to incorporate the TMDL revisions and site specific objectives after hearing Regional Water Board staff's presentation and public comments. The Regional Water Board is expected to take formal action. The Regional Water Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please check the Regional Water Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing location as it is subject to change.

II. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Tentative Resolution, proposed Basin Plan Amendment and Staff Report are available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl_list.shtml

These documents are also available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of documents in the Administrative Record may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Comments and responses to comments and other subsequent relevant documents will be available online as they are generated.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on the Tentative Resolution, proposed Basin Plan Amendments and Staff Report or submit evidence for the Regional Water Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible.

To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Regional Water Board's agenda binder, and fully considered by the Regional Water Board members in advance of the hearing, all written comments and evidence must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2015. Untimely submittal of written comments will not be accepted or responded to by the Regional Water Board. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the administrative record.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Send comments by e-mail to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line "Comment Letter – Los Angeles River Metals TMDL Reconsideration." Written comments submitted through e-mail are requested to be transmitted in Microsoft Word format. Written comments sent by mail should be addressed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
ATTN: Jenny Newman
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments. At the discretion of the chair, three-minute time limitations on presentations may be imposed,

depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Interested persons requesting more than three minutes should contact Regional Water Board staff, as provided in Section V. below, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2015 to state how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), when considering approval of a Regional Water Board's adoption of a Basin Plan amendment, may refuse to accept any comments that were not timely raised before the Regional Water Board. Therefore, interested persons are strongly encouraged to make all comments on this proposed action to the Regional Water Board before or during the public hearing.

IV. FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS FROM STATE WATER BOARD

Any person desiring to receive future notices from the State Water Board regarding its approval process for the proposed amendments must sign up for the State Water Board's Lyris list at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

V. REGIONAL WATER BOARD STAFF CONTACTS

For additional information regarding this proposed action, please contact Jenny Newman at Jenny.Newman@waterboards.ca.gov or 213-576-6691 or Celine Gallon at Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov or 213-576-6784.