



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

To: Interested Persons
From: Renee Purdy, Section Chief Regional Programs
Date: August 9, 2016
Subject: Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on proposed amendments to the Basin Plan to revise the Total Maximum Daily Load for Metals and Selenium in the Calleguas Creek Watershed.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Water Quality Control Plan - Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to revise the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Metals and Selenium in the Calleguas Creek Watershed.

The scope of the reconsideration is narrow, focusing only on updating the copper numeric targets in two reaches of Calleguas Creek and re-evaluating the copper and nickel allocations assigned to the discharges of certain Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTW). No other changes to the TMDL are being considered at this time. The updates to the numeric targets for copper concentrations in the water column are based on previously adopted, and now effective, site-specific water effect ratios (WERs) that were derived for Reach 1 (Mugu Lagoon) and Reach 2 (Lower Calleguas Creek). The re-evaluation of the copper and nickel wasteload allocations (WLAs) assigned to certain POTW discharges is based on an assessment of current receiving water conditions in the downstream, previously impaired areas, and a consideration of current effluent quality.

I. HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Basin Plan to revise the TMDL. The Regional Board is expected to take formal action. The Regional Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2016  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

## II. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

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

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl\\_list.shtml](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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Los Angeles Regional 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 Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. **Please be advised that oral and written comments on the proposed Basin Plan Amendments are limited to the proposed changes to the TMDLs currently in effect.**

To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Board staff, included in the Regional Board's agenda binder, and fully considered by the Regional Board members in advance of the hearing, all written comments and evidence must be *received* by the Regional Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2016**. Written comments submitted untimely will not be accepted or responded to by the Regional Board. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the administrative record.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically and in Microsoft Word format. Send comments by e-mail to: [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the

subject line, "Comment Letter – Calleguas Creek Metals TMDL Revisions." Written comments sent by mail should be addressed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
ATTN: Thanhloan Nguyen  
320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments. Oral comments should, to the extent possible, summarize written comments. Time limitations on oral comments will be imposed. At the discretion of the Regional Board Chair, oral comments may be limited to three minutes each, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Interested persons requesting more than three minutes should contact Regional Board staff, as provided in Section V. below, no later than 5:00 pm on September 23, 2016 to state how much time they believe is necessary for their oral comments.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), when considering approval of a regional board's adoption of a Basin Plan amendment, may refuse to accept any comments that were not timely raised before the Regional Board. Therefore, interested persons are strongly encouraged to make all comments on this proposed action to the Regional 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)

#### **V. REGIONAL BOARD STAFF CONTACTS**

For additional information regarding these proposed actions, please contact Thanhloan Nguyen at [Thanhloan.Nguyen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Thanhloan.Nguyen@waterboards.ca.gov) or (213) 576-6689 or L.B. Nye, Ph.D, at [L.B.Nye@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:L.B.Nye@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (213) 576-6785.