


## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Jenny Newman   
Section Chief, Regional Programs

**DATE:** April 3, 2019

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER NON-REGULATORY AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVELY UPDATE CHAPTER 4 "STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION" AND CHAPTER 5 "PLANS AND POLICIES" OF THE BASIN PLAN

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of non-regulatory amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to administratively update Chapter 4 "Strategic Planning and Implementation" and Chapter 5 "Plans and Policies."

#### I. BACKGROUND

The Basin Plan is the Los Angeles Water Board's water quality control plan for the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The Basin Plan contains the region's water quality standards, which consist of beneficial uses, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and an anti-degradation policy, along with a program of implementation, and non-regulatory descriptions of the region covered by the Basin Plan.

Chapter 4 of the Basin Plan "Strategic Planning and Implementation" contains descriptions of all the Los Angeles Water Board's programs. These programs are the vehicle through which the goal of protecting, enhancing and restoring the quality of the region's surface and ground water is accomplished and through which the region's water quality standards are implemented and enforced. This administrative update to Chapter 4 specifically includes updates to descriptions of climate change considerations within the Los Angeles Water Board programs. Those include the adoption in May 2018 of "A Resolution to Prioritize Actions to Adapt and Mitigate the Impacts of Climate Change on the Los Angeles Region's Water Resources and Associated Beneficial Uses" (Resolution No. R18-004) and the publication in April 2019 of Part 2 of the "Los Angeles Region Framework for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation - *Potential Regulatory Adaptation and Mitigation Measures*".

Chapter 5 "Plans and Policies" summarizes significant statewide and regional plans, policies, resolutions, Basin Plan amendments, and total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) that direct the

actions of the Los Angeles Water Board or guide the Los Angeles Water Board's intent. The administrative update to Chapter 5 includes:

- (i) Addition of a description of the State Water Board's "Comprehensive Response to Climate Change" resolution (State Water Board Resolution No. 2017-0012),
- (ii) Additions of descriptions of new and revised statewide water quality control plans, policies and significant resolutions adopted since September 2014;
- (iii) Additions to Table 5-1: "Significant Regional Water Board Resolutions, excluding those that amended the Basin Plan" to reflect the adoption of Resolution No. R18-004, "A Resolution to Prioritize Actions to Adapt and Mitigate the Impacts of Climate Change on the Los Angeles Region's Water Resources and Associated Beneficial Uses," the adoption of the 2014-2016 and the 2017-2019 Triennial Review Selection of Basin Planning Projects (Resolution No. R15-011 and No. R18-003), and the adoption of other significant Regional Water Board Resolutions since September 2014,
- (iv) Additions to Table 5-2: "Regional Water Board Resolutions incorporating Basin Plan Updates and Amendments (not including TMDLs or amendments to incorporate groundwater basin salt and nutrient management measures)" to update the list of Basin Plan amendments and updates adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board,
- (v) Additions to Table 5-3: "TMDLs Applicable to Waterbodies within the Los Angeles Region" to update the list of TMDLs adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board, and
- (vi) The addition of a new table, Table 5-4, which lists Basin Plan amendments incorporating groundwater basin salt and nutrient management measures from stakeholder-led salt and nutrient management plans (SNMPs).

The proposed administrative updates to Chapters 4 and 5 of the Basin Plan are non-regulatory in nature and do not involve any changes to water quality standards for the surface and ground waters of the Los Angeles Region. Neither do they modify the application of these standards or their implementation provisions. The non-substantive changes are intended solely to provide more current information.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Los Angeles Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Basin Plan to administratively update Chapters 4 and 5 after hearing Board staff's presentation and public comments. The Los Angeles Water Board is expected to take formal action on the proposed amendments to administratively update the Basin Plan. The Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

**Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Place:** Port of Long Beach (Board Room)

4801 Airport Plaza Dr.

Long Beach, California 90815

Please check the Los Angeles Water 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. If there is not a quorum on the scheduled date of the public

hearing, all items will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting. A continuance of the hearing will not automatically extend any deadlines set forth in this notice.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6789 or [Theresa.Rodgers@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Theresa.Rodgers@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five working days prior to the meeting.

### III. SCOPE OF HEARING

Interested persons may present relevant written and oral comments and evidence on the proposed Basin Plan amendments. Please be advised that comments or evidence concerning the appropriateness of any previously adopted Basin Plan amendment are not relevant to this action and will not be accepted or responded to. Comments shall be limited to the proposed administrative updates to Chapters 4 and 5 of the Basin Plan.

### IV. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The draft tentative resolution, Basin Plan Amendment, and staff report are available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/).

These documents are also available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM 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 may be made by calling the Los Angeles Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Appointments are encouraged so the documents can be readily available upon arrival. Comments and responses to comments and other subsequent relevant documents will be available online as they are generated.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on the draft tentative resolution, Basin Plan amendment, and staff report, or submit evidence, for the Los Angeles Water Board to consider are invited to submit them in writing. To be evaluated and responded to by Board staff, included in the Board's agenda binder, and fully considered by the Board members in advance of the hearing, all written comments and evidence must be received by the Board **no later than 5:00 PM on May 20, 2019**. Untimely submittal of written comments will not be accepted or responded to by the Los Angeles Water Board.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically to [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line "**Comment Letter – Administrative Update to Basin Plan Chapters 4 and 5**", with a copy to [Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov). Written comments submitted through email are requested to be transmitted in Microsoft Word format. Where electronic submittal is not feasible, comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
Attn: Dr. Céline Gallon  
320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 649.4, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments to the Board. To the extent possible, oral presentations should summarize any submitted written comments and evidence. Oral comments are generally limited to 3 minutes each, but time limitations may be adjusted at the discretion of the Chair, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard and other items before the Board. Interested persons seeking more than 3 minutes to present oral comments at the hearing must contact the Los Angeles Water Board staff contact identified below by **June 3, 2019** to request additional time.

The State Water Board when considering approval of a regional water board's adoption of Basin Plan amendments 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 Los Angeles Water Board before or during the public hearing.

#### **VI. 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)

#### **VII. LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD STAFF CONTACTS**

For additional information regarding this proposed action, please contact Dr. Céline Gallon at [Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov) or (213) 576-6784.