



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



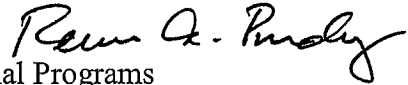
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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Interested Persons

From: Renee Purdy 
Chief, Regional Programs
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

Date: April 20, 2010

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Load for Bacteria in the Los Angeles River.

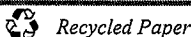
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to reduce indicator bacteria exceedances observed in the impaired waterbodies of the Los Angeles River Watershed. 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. The Regional Board will act on the proposed amendment after hearing the staff presentation and public comments.

Copies of the proposed resolution, Basin Plan Amendment, Staff Report, Substitute Environmental Document containing the CEQA checklist, and Notice of Filing can be obtained from the Regional Board website <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/bpaRes/bpa.html>. Please contact Mr. Man Voong at (213) 576-6690 for additional information.

**A Public Hearing will be held on July 08, 2010 at 9:00 am
and on July 09, 2010 at 8:00 am
at the Ventura County Government Center
Hall of Administration
Board of Supervisors
Hearing Room
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009**

Written comments and exhibits must be received by the Regional Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 04, 2010**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse

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to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 649.4). Comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

ATTN: Mr. Man Voong

All exhibits including charts, graphs and other testimony presented at the public hearing must be left with the Regional Board for inclusion in the Administrative Record. Please note that the Regional Board may impose time limits on oral testimony at the public hearing.

Background

Elevated levels of indicator bacteria in recreational waters are associated with adverse health effects. The TMDL will be incorporated into the Basin Plan to ensure continued beneficial and recreational uses in the Los Angeles River Watershed. Identified beneficial uses for the Los Angeles River Watershed include contact and non-contact water recreation, fishing, and warm fresh and wildlife habitat, among others.

The Regional Board is charged with implementing the provisions of both the State of California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal Clean Water Act in the Los Angeles Region. Section 303(d)(A)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act requires the Regional Board to identify water quality limited segments within the Region. This includes water bodies not attaining water quality standards. Once these water bodies are identified, TMDLs are to be established for pollutants causing the impairments.

A TMDL specifies the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. The acceptable amount of pollutant load is allocated to point sources and nonpoint sources. A TMDL can be expressed in terms of either mass per time, toxicity, concentration, or other appropriate measures

Waterbodies in the Los Angeles River Watershed have been listed for elevated levels of indicator bacteria as early as the 1996 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies. Since the 1996 303(d) list, waterbodies have been added to the list, including in the recent Regional Board approved 2008 list. As of the 2008 list, 18 different waterbodies segments and tributaries have been listed as impaired for elevated levels of indicator bacteria.

The TMDL sets forth an implementation schedule to attain water quality standards. The implementation plan includes the interim waste load allocations to meet final allocations.

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