



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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To: Interested Persons

From: Tracy J. Egoscue
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Subject: **TRIENNIAL REVIEW – NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP**

The California Water Code (§13240) and the federal Clean Water Act (§303(c)) direct the Regional Board to periodically review and update, as necessary, the water quality standards contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan). This process is known as a triennial review. During a triennial review, potential revisions to water quality standards are identified and prioritized. Based on available resources, the highest priority revisions are implemented through Basin Plan amendments over the course of the three-year period.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) initiated a triennial review in the fall of 2008 with a written solicitation for data and information to support potential revisions to water quality standards contained in the Basin Plan. This solicitation was sent to all interested persons on the Regional Board's mailing lists. The Regional Board received 67 written responses to the solicitation.

Regional Board staff has conducted a preliminary review of these responses and the suggested revisions to water quality standards and the Basin Plan contained therein. The suggested revisions, as submitted by stakeholders, are grouped into 24 categories and described in the attachment.

As the next step in the triennial review, there will be a Board workshop during the regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 2, 2009 to provide stakeholders an opportunity to present and discuss their highest priorities with the Board.

Board Workshop – Triennial Review

April 2, 2009

9:00 AM

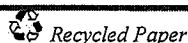
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Prior to the Board workshop, the Board requests that stakeholders review the attached list of issues and identify their organization's three highest priorities, which may include issues not submitted in response to the initial solicitation. Stakeholders will then be given an opportunity to present these priorities to the Board. Where a group of organizations share common priorities, they are encouraged to coordinate comments before the Board. Following the Board workshop, stakeholders will be given until April 16, 2009 to submit their organization's priorities in writing to the Regional Board.

Many stakeholders identified broad issues related to consideration of the factors set forth in Cal. Water Code sections 13000 and 13241 as well as the designation of potential beneficial uses. The superior court, in *Cities of Arcadia v. State Water Resources Control Board*, issued a writ of mandate pertaining to these issues in November 2008. However, the *Arcadia* case is currently under appeal. Therefore, the Board's ability to address these issues in a broad sense is limited at this time due to the ongoing court proceedings. Where comments and evidence are submitted with respect to the appropriateness of a specific water quality standard, full consideration will be given to them, as it would be during any triennial review.

Following the Board workshop, Board staff will prepare a staff report, describing the basin planning issues and recommending select basin plan amendments to be developed over the next three years. Interested persons will be invited to make written comments on the selected basin planning projects prior to the Regional Board hearing. The Regional Board will consider stakeholder priorities and staff recommendations, and will ultimately adopt a resolution identifying those projects to be addressed over the next three years.

Over the course of the three years, Board staff will provide additional opportunities for interested persons to provide detailed comments on the scope and content of each individual basin planning project, both early in the scoping process as well as prior to the Regional Board hearing to consider the proposed basin plan amendment.

Please share this invitation with other interested persons who may not be included on our mailing list. If you have questions about the triennial review process, please contact Renee Purdy at (213) 576-6783 or rpurdy@waterboards.ca.gov or Dr. Ginachi Amah at (213) 576-6685 or gamah@waterboards.ca.gov. The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6789 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Enclosures

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