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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

To: Interested Persons

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

Date: April 2, 2013

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on proposed amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* to Incorporate Implementation Plans for the Total Maximum Daily Loads for Metals and Selenium in the San Gabriel River and Impaired Tributaries and Metals in the Los Cerritos Channel

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider proposed amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to incorporate implementation plans for the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for metals and selenium in the San Gabriel River and Impaired Tributaries (San Gabriel River Metals TMDL) and metals in the Los Cerritos Channel (Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL)

The purpose of these amendments is to incorporate implementation plans for TMDLs that were previously established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). On March 26, 2007, U.S. EPA established the San Gabriel River Metals TMDL. On March 17, 2010, U.S. EPA established the Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL. The U.S. EPA-established TMDLs include the problem statement, numeric targets, source analysis, loading capacity, load allocations, waste load allocations, and margin of safety. An implementation plan is not a required element of a TMDL established by U.S. EPA; therefore, these TMDLs do not include implementation plans or schedules for implementation. The proposed amendments incorporate implementation plans for the San Gabriel River Metals TMDL and Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL.

### I. HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Basin Plan to incorporate the implementation plans for the TMDLs. The Regional Board is expected to take final action after it hears Regional Board staff's presentation and public comments. The Regional Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: June 6, 2013  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Metropolitan Water District  
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 it is subject to change. If there should not be a quorum on the

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

## II. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Tentative Resolution, proposed Basin Plan amendments, and other supporting documents 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). Comments and responses to comments and other subsequent relevant documents will be available online as they are generated.

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 West 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 Regional Board at (213) 576-6600. Appointments are encouraged so the documents can be readily available upon arrival.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

**Please be advised that written and oral comments are limited only to the proposed Basin Plan amendment to incorporate implementation plans for the San Gabriel River Metals TMDL and the Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL. Comments on the TMDLs themselves, which were previously established by U.S. EPA, are outside the scope of this hearing and will not be considered nor responded to.**

Persons wishing to comment on the Tentative Resolution, proposed Basin Plan amendments, and other supporting documents, or submit evidence for the Regional 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 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 May 17, 2013**. Untimely submittal of written comments or evidence will not be accepted or responded to. 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 written comments and evidence by e-mail to: [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – TMDL Implementation Plans.**" Written comments submitted through email 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: Stefanie Hada  
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, California 90013

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments. Oral comments may be limited to 3 minutes each, at the discretion of the Chair, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. If necessary, time limitations on presentations may be imposed. Interested persons should contact Regional Board staff, as provided in Section V. below, no later than **5:00 pm on May 30, 2013** 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 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 Basin Plan 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 the implementation plans for the San Gabriel River Metals TMDL and the Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL, contact Stefanie Hada at (213) 576-6804 or [shada@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:shada@waterboards.ca.gov).