

February 25, 2014

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
FOR THE
NORTH COAST 2012 INTEGRATED REPORT
FOR THE 305(b) SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT
AND THE 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) is proposing to revise the surface water quality assessment under Clean Water Act section 305(b) and the list of impaired waters under Clean Water Act section 303(d) in the 2012 Integrated Report.

Overview of the 2012 Integrated Report

Under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 305(b), states are required to report biennially to the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on the conditions of their surface waters. The USEPA then compiles these assessments into their biennial "National Water Quality Inventory Report" to Congress. Under CWA section 303(d), states are required to review, make changes as necessary, and submit to the USEPA a list identifying water bodies not meeting water quality standards and identifying the water quality parameter (i.e., pollutant) not being met. Placement of a water body on this list generally triggers development of a total maximum daily load (TMDL). California has integrated the 305(b) assessment and the 303(d) list of impaired waters into a single report, appropriately called the Integrated Report. The North Coast Regional Water Board is responsible for developing and adopting the 2012 Integrated Report for the North Coast Region.

Public Workshops

Regional Water Board staff will host two public workshops to present the Public Review Draft Staff Report of the 2012 Integrated Report and to receive oral and written comments from the public.

The workshops will be held as follows:

April 8, 2014
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Hearing Room
North Coast Regional Water
Quality Control Board Office
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

April 9, 2014
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Main Conference Room
Central Valley Regional Water
Quality Control Board - Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Dr., Ste 205
Redding, CA 96002

The Public Review Draft Staff Report for the 2012 Integrated Report will be available for review before the Public Workshops. A separate notice announcing the availability of the Public Review Draft and formalizing the public comment period for the document will be sent out at a later date.

This notice for the public workshops satisfies the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 25.6.

Additional Information about the Integrated Report can be found on the Regional Water Board website at the following link:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/303d/

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**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
FOR THE
2014 TRIENNIAL REVIEW
OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION (BASIN PLAN)**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) is commencing its 2014 Triennial Review of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan).

Overview of the Triennial Review of the Basin Plan

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is responsible for reviewing, amending, and implementing the Basin Plan to ensure protection of the Region's water quality. Both the federal Clean Water Act and the state Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act direct the Regional Water Board to conduct a periodic review of the Basin Plan to keep pace with changes in regulation, policies, new scientific findings, new waste control or monitoring technologies, and physical changes within the region, for examples. The Regional Water Board solicits written and oral public input which it considers prior to adopting by resolution a prioritized list of basin planning projects. The highest priority projects are included on the "short list" which establishes the work plan of the Regional Water Board's Planning Unit for the next 3 year period. Staff is now seeking public input on the water quality issues and concerns requiring amendment of the Basin Plan. In Fall 2014, staff will make available a public review draft staff report, proposed list of basin plan amendment priorities for the 2014-2017 period, and draft resolution. The Regional Water Board is tentatively scheduled to hear this matter at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 20, 2014.

Public Workshops

Regional Water Board staff will host two public workshops beginning with a presentation on the Basin Plan, the Triennial Review process, and 2011 Triennial Review list of priorities and followed by an opportunity to receive oral and written comments from the public on the issues and concerns requiring amendment of the Basin Plan during the 2014-2017 period. (A third public workshop will be held on this topic at the Regional Water Board's regularly scheduled Board meeting in Fortuna on May 8, 2014 and will be noticed separately).

The Staff-led workshops will be held as follows:

April 8, 2014
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Hearing Room
North Coast Regional Water
Quality Control Board Office
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste A
Santa Rosa, CA

April 9, 2014
3:30PM to 5:00 PM
Main Conference Room
Central Valley Regional Water
Board - Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Dr., Ste 205
Redding, CA 96002

Additional Information about the Basin Plan and Triennial Review can be found on the Regional Water Board website at the following link:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/

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