

Staff of the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) held a public workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting on June 28, 2013 to receive input regarding the scope, content, and potential impacts of actions needed to achieve the *Lagunitas Creek Watershed Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Plan* Basin Plan amendment.

We are writing at this time to remind all interest parties that the Water Board will continue to accept input on the scope of the analysis of potential environmental effects until 5 pm on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. Input (or any questions) should be directed to:

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Input can be provided by email, mail, or phone.

Background

The Water Board has designated Lagunitas Creek as impaired due to: a) excessive deposition of sand and finer sediment in the streambed; and b) channel habitat simplification. The proposed Basin Plan amendment is a water quality restoration plan designed to facilitate conservation of threatened and/or endangered steelhead, coho salmon, and California freshwater shrimp populations, by reducing the supply of sand and finer sediment, and by enhancing aquatic habitat complexity and connectivity. The Basin Plan amendment will call for:

1. A total maximum daily load (TMDL) for sediment and related actions to control and reduce sediment discharges to channels that are contributed from roads, rangelands, and construction activities;
2. Actions to increase the frequency of large fallen trees in channels; and
3. Actions to restore connectivity between channels and floodplains.

The Water Board is required by CEQA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the TMDL and will incorporate this environmental analysis into the TMDL staff report and Basin Plan amendment. Scoping helps the Water Board identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potentially significant environmental effects to be analyzed.