



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING OF A REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
to amend the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will hold a second public hearing to consider an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) on January 30, 2008. Specifically, the Water Board will consider:

Establishing a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for
POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBS) IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY
and an implementation plan to achieve the TMDL

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations. The public hearing will be held as follows:

- DATE: January 30, 2008 (subject to change; check website to confirm date:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay>)
- TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)
- LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
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- MATERIALS: The revised proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report will be available online on December 3, 2007, at
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/TMDL/sfbaypcbstmtl.htm>

Paper copies of these materials will also be available from Jodi Bailey, 510.622.2448, jobailey@waterboards.ca.gov.

The first public hearing on the proposed Basin Plan amendment was held on September 12, 2007 after a noticed 45-day public comment period and an additional noticed 15 day extension of the comment period. Since that time, staff has revised the proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report (including the environmental analysis included in the staff report), and is opening an additional 45-day comment period. This second 45-day public comment period for the proposed amendment expires at **5:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, **January 16, 2008.**

All new evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing no later than this date and time, to the staff contact above, however, interested parties are not required to resubmit previously submitted comments, evidence, proposed testimony, or exhibits, because they are already part of the record and will be considered by the Water Board. Non-evidentiary policy statements need not be submitted in advance.

The scope of written comments and oral public testimony at this hearing will be limited to comments on:

- Changes (shown in underline and strike-through notations) made by Water Board staff to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and Staff Report previously released for public review, on June 22, 2007.
- Economic issues and factors as they may relate to the proposed amendment (Note: During the first public hearing the Board requested that interested persons submit additional comments on the economic issues and factors that they believe should be considered by the Board in connection with the proposed amendment. The Board has already received materials on the subject from an interested party. All interested persons are being provided with an opportunity to address economic issues and factors during the comment period and at the hearing.)

The Board will consider all written materials submitted during the comment period and oral testimony at the hearing that are consistent with the deadlines and the limits on the scope of comments and testimony noted above. At the conclusion of the staff presentation and public testimony, having considered all of those materials and testimony, together with staff's responses, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment. The Board may adopt the amendment with changes to the proposed amendment that the Board deems consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and that are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with 23 Cal. Code of Regs. §649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearings; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearing, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm. The location of the hearings is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Mary Tryon, (510) 622 2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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