

Notice of Basin Planning Project

Addition of Water Bodies & Beneficial Uses for South Bay Hydrologic Unit, Santa Clara Hydrologic Unit, and San Mateo Coastal Hydrologic Unit

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) staff intends to propose adding surface water bodies and beneficial uses to the San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). These will be water bodies and beneficial uses that have been in existence since 1975 when the Basin Plan was written, but they were inadvertently omitted.

We invite the public to contribute information about creeks, lakes, or other surface water bodies and/or beneficial uses for Board staff to consider.

This project will update the South Bay, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Coastal (see attached map) surface water bodies and beneficial uses; future phases of this project will address the remaining hydrologic units.

Background

The Basin Plan provides the foundation for regulatory activities, including (but not limited to) designation of beneficial uses of the Region's surface and ground waters. The Basin Plan, as first adopted in 1975, omitted the beneficial uses of many of the surface water bodies listed within it. In addition, a number of important surface water bodies were not listed in the Basin Plan.

In November 2004, the Water Board adopted Resolution 2004-0092 certifying completion of the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review and adopting the *2004 Prioritized List of Basin Plan Issues for Investigation*. Among the high-priority issues is the update of water bodies and associated beneficial uses listed in Table 2.1 of the Basin Plan (see page 36 of the Basin Plan at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/planning/mdls/basinplan/web/bp_ch2.shtml). To date, Board staff has compiled some pertinent information. Today we invite public input as we complete this priority project.

General Timeframe

- Compile available information, resource agency input, and **public input by November 30, 2008**.
- Circulate proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report for public comment and hold Board hearings in 2009.

Public Participation

To submit information on water bodies or beneficial uses, please contact Jan O'Hara at johara@waterboards.ca.gov or (510)622-5681. Or mail to:

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Attachment: Basin Plan Figure 2-2. Hydrologic Planning Areas

Figure 2-2 Hydrologic Planning Areas

