



California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region



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Notice of Availability of Proposed Revisions to the 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies in the San Francisco Bay Region

This notice solicits public comment on the proposed revisions to the list of impaired waters under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The 303(d) listing decisions are specific to waters in the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board). The list is reviewed by the Water Board every two years in accordance with state and federal laws and requirements.

The Federal Clean Water Act requires that the States develop a list of impaired water bodies that need additional work beyond existing controls to achieve or maintain water quality standards. The proposed revisions are available for review at
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/303dlist.shtml

The public comment period will close at 5 p.m. on December 4, 2008. The Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. At this hearing, the Board will consider for approval each proposed listing change and will consider adoption of a Resolution in support of its recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) for the statewide 2008 303(d) list.

HEARING DATE: January 14, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
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Submitting comments

As noted above, the public comment period for the proposed 303(d) listing changes expires at 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2008. All written comments on the proposed 303(d) list are due by this date to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence and exhibits to be offered at the January hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the January hearing need not be submitted in advance.

Any proposed changes to the publicly noticed documents, and staff's responses to written comments submitted before the close of the comment period will be posted at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/303dlist.shtml

by January 14, 2009. The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed listing recommendations at the January hearing. In response to written comments and testimony received, the Water Board may recommend that staff make changes to the proposed 303(d) list.

The January hearing will be conducted in accordance with 23 CCR Section 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.

Accessibility

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about_us/directions.shtml

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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