



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

FOR THE

Proposed Revisions to the 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies and Consideration of an Integrated Assessment Report for the Central Coast Region

2008 Integrated Report

The Clean Water Act requires states to conduct an assessment of the quality of all their waters [Section 305(b)] and develop a list of those waters that are “impaired or threatened” [Section 303(d)]. A report has been prepared that integrates the two assessment efforts into one 2008 Integrated Report.

Public Hearing

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider the 2008 Integrated Report and to consider proposed revisions to the list of impaired water bodies developed pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. The impaired water body list includes a proposed schedule for addressing impairments. The hearing is specific to waters within the jurisdiction of the Central Coast Water Board.

Date: **July 10, 2009**
Time: 8:30 am
Place: Central Coast Water Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Request for Public Input and Public Workshop

Public participation is an important part of the 303(d) List and Integrated Report process. This notice solicits input on the “Public Review Draft Project Report for the Central Coast 2008 Integrated Report for the Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Surface Water Quality Assessment and the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters” (Public Review Draft 2008 Integrated Report). The Public Review Draft 2008 Integrated Report will be available for review by April 10, 2009 at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/303d_list.shtml. Written comments are invited during a 45-day comment period from **April 10, 2009 to May 26, 2009**.

California Environmental Protection Agency

An informational public workshop on the 2008 Integrated Report will be held:

Date: **April 22, 2009**
Time: 1:00 – 3:45 PM
Place: Central Coast Water Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Note that a separate Public Workshop will be held in the morning at the same location to receive public comments on the 2009 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin.

The location of the public hearing and public workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Carol Hewitt** at **805-549-3503** at least five working days prior to April 22, 2009. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Directions to the workshop location are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/resources/docs/central_coast_water_board_office_location_map.pdf.

Submittal of Comments

Please submit written comments via e-mail, U.S. Mail, fax, or delivery to:

Attn: Ms. Mary Adams
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Include the words “Integrated Report” in the subject line of your communication. Comments received during the 45-day public comment period may not be received in time to be addressed prior to the April 22, 2009 public workshop. Comments received prior to May 26, 2009 will be considered in the draft 2008 Integrated Report that will be released to the public in preparation for the July 2009 Board Hearing agenda item.

Deadline for Comments

The deadline for comments is **May 26, 2009** at 5:00 p.m. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2009 may not be incorporated directly into staff’s recommendation to the Board when it is distributed to the public prior to the Board Hearing. However, all comments will be considered and included in the staff report presented to the Board at the hearing on July 10, 2009.

To Receive 303(d) List / Integrated Report Information

The Central Coast Water Board is finalizing the 303(d) List and Integrated Report Interested Parties List. To receive 303(d) List and Integrated Report information, please subscribe to the 303(d) List / Integrated Report electronic mailing list at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml or request to have 303(d) List and Integrated Report information sent to you via U. S. Mail. Persons not subscribing to the electronic mailing list or requesting hard copy information will not be included on the interested parties list.

Staff Contacts

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the 2008 Integrated Report should be directed to Ms. Mary Adams, Project Lead, at (805) 542-4768, madams@waterboards.ca.gov or Angela Schroeter, Unit Supervisor, at (805) 542-4644, aschroeter@waterboards.ca.gov.