

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**To Consider Adoption of Resolution No. R3-2013-0008
Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Basin to Adopt
Total Maximum Daily Loads for Nitrogen Compounds and Orthophosphate in
Lower Salinas River and Reclamation Canal Basin, and the Moro Cojo Slough
Subwatershed**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Coast Basin. The Basin Plan establishes measures to protect beneficial uses of waters of the state and achieve water quality objectives.

If accepted, the resolution will amend the Basin Plan by incorporating Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Nitrogen Compounds and Orthophosphate in the Lower Salinas River and Reclamation Canal Basin, and the Moro Cojo Slough Subwatershed, including the Lower Salinas River, Old Salinas River, Tembladero Slough, Salinas Reclamation Canal, Alisal Creek, Espinosa Slough, Gabilan Creek, Merrit Ditch, Natividad Creek, Salinas River Lagoon (North), Santa Rita Creek, Quail Creek, Chualar Creek and Moro Cojo Slough.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Central Coast Water Board will consider approval of the proposed resolution.

Actions to amend the Basin Plan by the Central Coast Water Board will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

Copies of the final draft resolution and amendments to the Basin Plan (including the staff report, a substitute environmental document which includes an Environmental Checklist, and draft amendments for adoption) will be available on or about **January 16, 2013** at the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/salinas/nutrients/index.shtml

The proposed amendments to the Basin Plan are also available by request at the office of the Central Coast Water Board; please contact: **Pete Osmolovsky at 805-549-3699.**

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Note that a separate notice for public comment was previously transmitted on October 8, 2012. The public comment period commenced on October 8, 2012 and ended on November 26, 2012. Therefore, Water Board staff is not accepting further written comments at this time. Oral comments may be provided to the Water Board at the public hearing shown below.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: **January 31 and February 1, 2013**

(An agenda for the public hearing will be posted on our website prior to the hearing date specifying which day the TMDL will be considered)

Time: **Hearing begins at 8:30 a.m.**

Place: **Central Coast Water Board Offices
895 Aerovista Place – Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Central Coast Water Board will consider certification of the substitute environmental documents and approval of the proposed amendments. The Central Coast Water Board may close the public hearing and the comment period, but consider adoption of the amendments at a later public hearing.

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Central Coast Water Board, and on the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/publications_forms/publications/basin_plan/index.shtml

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones** at **805-549-3372** at least five working days prior to January 31, 2013. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

For additional information on these proposed revised Basin Plan amendments, please call Pete Osmolovsky at (805) 549-3699.

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