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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

January 30, 2023

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

#### Concerning a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for Nitrogen Compounds in the Santa Ynez River Basin, Santa Barbara County, California

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will accept written comments on the following:

- Adopting draft Resolution No. R3-2023-0003, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) to establish total maximum daily loads for nitrogen compounds in the Santa Ynez River Basin, Santa Barbara County, California; and
- Adopting the Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Written comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM on March 16, 2023**.

The Central Coast Water Board's Basin Planning Program is a certified regulatory program exempt from the CEQA requirement to prepare an environmental impact report. (Public Resource Code, section 21080.5; California Code Regulations, title 14, section 15251(g)). The Central Coast Water Board's environmental review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment is instead contained in the CEQA Analysis and Environmental Checklist document, which is part of the SED.

**Hearing Date:** The Central Coast Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider the resolution adopting the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED. A public notice and agenda for the hearing will be posted prior to the hearing on the [Central Coast Water Board agenda website](#).<sup>1</sup>

**Public Comments:** Persons interested in providing written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft SED are encouraged to submit comments by electronic mail. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 PM on March 16, 2023**. Please send all written

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<sup>1</sup> Central Coast Water Board Agenda's website:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/agendas/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/)

comments to the staff person listed below. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the Central Coast Water Board's Chair.

**Materials:** The proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft SED documents available for review and comment include the following:

- draft Resolution No. R3-2023-0003,
- proposed Basin Plan amendment,
- TMDL Project Report,
- CEQA Analysis Report and Environmental Checklist.

These documents will be available on or before January 30, 2023 on the [TMDL project website](#).<sup>2</sup>

Copies of these documents will also be available upon request from the staff contact below.

Interested persons should refer to the above TMDL Project website and subscribe to the Project email subscription list for any updates to this project schedule. To join the subscription email list, visit the TMDL Project website (see link above) and click on the link in the "subscribe to our Email List" box to provide your name and email address.

**Staff Contact and Submission of Comments:** Please electronically submit comments or questions regarding this notice to Peter Osmolovsky, [Pete.Osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Pete.Osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov). Written comments may be mailed to Peter Osmolovsky at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

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