

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Proposed Central Valley Region “Off-Cycle” Listing Recommendations for the 2018 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies

This notice is to inform interested persons that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will consider proposed listing recommendations for a limited subset of waterbodies for the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list (generally referred to as the 303(d) List) of impaired water bodies. Proposed revisions to the 303(d) List during the 2018 listing cycle were limited to waterbodies being addressed by existing regulatory programs, such as adopted Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). A full assessment of all readily available data for the Central Valley Region waterbodies will be completed during the 2020 listing cycle.

The Board will hold a public hearing at which the Central Valley Water Board Members will consider adopting a resolution to approve the proposed listing recommendations to the 303(d) List during the regularly scheduled Board meeting. Meeting agendas with the meetings date and times will be available at least ten days prior to the public meeting and hearing.

Date: 6 or 7 June 2019
Location: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Staff has prepared a draft staff report which identifies the water segments for which the Central Valley Water Board will administer the listing process that may result in a change from the prior list. Interested persons may download the staff report and associated documents which support the proposed listing recommendations from the Central Valley Water Board’s [Integrated Report webpage](#).

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board’s office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for written comments on the proposed revisions to the 303(d) List is 5:00 pm on Friday, 28 April 2019 and may be submitted either by mail or electronically. Comments should be limited to the waterbody/pollutant combinations assessed in the staff report.

Please submit comments to:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: CWA section 303(d) and Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) section 130.7 require the states to develop, and submit biennially for approval, a list of polluted waters or water quality limited (or impaired) segments (distinct portions of rivers, streams, lakes, ocean waters, etc.) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This list is commonly referred to as the "303(d) List" or the "List of Impaired Waters."

The 303(d) List includes water bodies that are not meeting, or are not expected to meet, water quality standards after the implementation of technology-based controls and best management practices (BMPs). The 303(d) List includes water quality limited segments, associated pollutants, and a priority ranking of the waters for the purpose of developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). A TMDL is the maximum load of a pollutant that may be discharged from point and nonpoint sources into the water body without violating standards applicable to that water body. Water bodies on the 303(d) List can be delisted when evidence indicates that the impairment(s) does not exist and the water body is meeting water quality standards, or that the impairment listing is flawed. Listing a waterbody as impaired and removing a waterbody from the list (referred to as "delisting") is governed by the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (the "Listing Policy").

The upcoming 2018 Clean Water Act List will be comprised of listing and delisting recommendations by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards ("Regional Water Boards") for the North Coast, Lahontan, and Colorado River Basin regions. In accordance with the Listing Policy (section 6.1.2.1), if a specific Regional Water Board is "off cycle" pursuant to the State Water Resources Control Board's notice of solicitation for the listing cycle, the Regional Water Board may administer the process for one or more water segments that may result in a change to the previous list.

This notice solicits public comments on the proposed listing recommendations identified in the staff report. The proposed listing recommendations for the 2018 303(d) List would update the 2014/2016 303(d) List. The proposed recommended listing decisions are limited to impaired waterbodies being addressed by existing regulatory programs. A full assessment of all readily available data for Central Valley Water Board's region waterbodies will be completed during the 2020 listing cycle.

BOARD HEARING INFORMATION: Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Board at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

To receive an email notice as new information becomes available, subscribe to the Impaired Waterways 303(d) List [email distribution list](#).

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the proposed revisions to the 303(d) List should be directed to Jay Simi at (916) 464-4833 or Jay.Simi@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

3/27/2019

Date