


Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF HEARING
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

To: Interested Parties

From: Renee Purdy, Section Chief 
Regional Programs

Date: September 30, 2013

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan - Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to revise the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Ballona Creek Metals and Ballona Creek Estuary Toxic Pollutants

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan to revise two TMDLs for:

- (1) Toxic Pollutants in Ballona Creek Estuary
- (2) Metals in Ballona Creek

This reconsideration is not a general reconsideration of each and every element of these TMDLs, but a re-examination of certain technical issues which might need revision upon further data collection and analysis, or new policy since the TMDLs were originally adopted. These two TMDLs included scheduled "reconsiderations" so that aspects of the TMDL, including the TMDL waste load allocations and implementation schedules, could be re-examined and adjusted, if warranted, based on new information or methods.

Key proposed modifications to the Ballona Creek Metals TMDL include removing selenium targets and allocations and revising the critical flow, hardness, and conversion factors and will result in adjusting the TMDL targets and allocations based on those revisions. For the Ballona Creek Estuary Toxic Pollutants TMDL, key proposed modifications include removing PAH targets and allocations, adding fish tissue targets in the TMDL along with associated sediment targets, adding sediment quality objectives, and adjusting the TMDL as a result of those revisions.

Additional regulations or policies, consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and complementary to the proposal may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of discussions.

I. HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Basin Plan to incorporate revisions to the three TMDL after hearing Regional Board staff's presentation and public comments. The Regional Board is expected to take formal action. The Regional Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please check the Regional Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing location as it is subject to change.

II. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Tentative Resolutions, proposed Basin Plan Amendments, and Staff Reports are available on the Regional Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl_list.shtml

These documents are also available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of documents in the Administrative Record may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Board at (213) 576-6600. Comments and responses to comments and other subsequent relevant documents will be available online as they are generated.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on the Tentative Resolutions, proposed Basin Plan Amendments, and Staff Reports, or submit evidence for the Regional Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible.

To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Board staff, included in the Regional Board's agenda binder, and fully considered by the Regional Board members in advance of the hearing, all written comments and evidence must be received by the Regional Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **November 14, 2013**. Untimely submittal of written comments will not be accepted or responded to by the Regional Board. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the administrative record.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Send comments by e-mail to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – [Insert TMDL] Revisions." Written comments submitted through email are requested to be transmitted in Microsoft Word format. Written comments sent by mail should be addressed to:

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Los Angeles Region
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Los Angeles, CA 90013
Attn: Man Voong

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments. At the discretion of the chair, three minute time limitations on presentations may be imposed, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Interested persons requesting more than three minutes should contact Regional Board staff, as provided in Section V. below, no later than 5:00 pm on November 21, 2013 to state how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), when considering approval of a regional board's adoption of a Basin Plan amendment, may refuse to accept any comments that were not timely raised before the regional board. Therefore, interested persons are strongly encouraged to make all comments on this proposed action to the Regional Board before or during the public hearing.

IV. FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS FROM STATE WATER BOARD

Any person desiring to receive future notices from the State Water Board regarding its approval process for the proposed amendments must sign up for the State Water Board's Lyris list at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

V. REGIONAL BOARD STAFF CONTACTS

For additional information regarding these proposed actions, please contact Man Voong at Man.Voong@waterboards.ca.gov or 213-576-6690.