



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES REGION INTEGRATED REPORT CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 305(b) REPORT AND SECTION 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

On July 16, 2009, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing consider approval of proposed revisions to the list of impaired water bodies developed pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. The entire Integrated Report of the Clean Water Act Section 305(b) and Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters will be presented. The hearing is specific to waters in the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Region Water Board.

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2009, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. At the public hearing, the public will have opportunity to comment on the proposed Integrated Report and 303(d) list.

The integrated water quality assessment report, including proposed revisions to the 303(d) list is available for review on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/303d_list.shtml

Please contact Man Voong at 213-576-6690 or LB Nye at 213-576-6785 with questions or to request additional copies of the report or related materials.

Written comments and exhibits must be received by the Regional Board no later than 5:00 pm on June 17, 2009. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 649.4) Comments should be submitted to:

California Environmental Protection Agency



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In addition, all exhibits including charts, graphs and other testimony presented at the public hearing must be left with the Regional Board for inclusion in the Administrative Record. Please note that the Regional Board may impose time limits on oral testimony at the public hearing.

Background of the 2008 Integrated Report

The Regional Water Board is proposing to revise the surface water quality assessment under Clean Water Act section 305(b) and the list of impaired waters under Clean Water Act section 303(d) in a 2008 Integrated Report.

Under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 305(b), states are required to report biennially to the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on the conditions of their surface waters. The US EPA then compiles these assessments into their biennial "National Water Quality Inventory Report" to Congress. Under CWA section 303(d), states are required to review, make changes as necessary, and submit to the US EPA a list identifying waterbodies not meeting water quality standards and identifying the water quality parameter (i.e., pollutant) not being met. Placement of a waterbody on this list may trigger development of a total maximum daily load (TMDL).

For 2008, California is integrating the 305(b) assessment and the 303(d) list of impaired waters into a single report, called the Integrated Report. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board is responsible for developing and adopting the 2008 Integrated Report for the Los Angeles Region.