

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 24, 2017

RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINE AND CHANGE OF BOARD MEETING DATE FOR THE 2016 LOS ANGELES REGION CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS

To Whom It May Concern,

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) has received several letters requesting an extension of the deadline for written comments on the draft 2016 Los Angeles Region Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. Although the Los Angeles Water Board is compelled to follow the timeline for the 2014-2016 Integrated Report set by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), we understand the challenge of making a thorough review of proposed changes to the 303(d) list within the allowed time frame. Therefore, the Los Angeles Water Board, to accommodate these requests to the extent possible, is extending the comment deadline for the draft 2016 Los Angeles Region 303(d) list from March 9, 2017 to March 30, 2017. In addition, the Los Angeles Water Board meeting date at which the 303(d) list will be considered is changed from April 6, 2017 to May 4, 2017.

The Los Angeles Water Board is scheduled to consider the Los Angeles Region 303(d) list at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Please check the Los Angeles Water Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing date and location as they are subject to change.

This new comment deadline will provide interested stakeholders a 51-day period to submit written comments prior to the Los Angeles Water Board meeting on May 4, 2017. Interested stakeholders will also have a 30-day period to submit written comments to the State Water Board after the Los Angeles Water Board's action at the May 4th Board meeting. This 30-day period provides additional review time and the opportunity to request that the State Water Board review specific listing or delisting recommendations acted upon by the Los Angeles Water Board. In addition, the State Water Board will provide another 30-day comment period so that stakeholders may comment on any changes proposed by State Water Board staff to the Los Angeles Water Board-approved 303(d) list prior to its consideration of

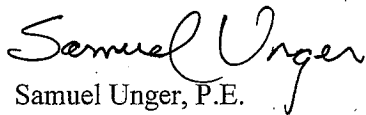
this 303(d) list along with five other Regional Water Board-approved lists. Lastly, stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment to U.S. EPA Region IX prior to its final decision on the state's 303(d) list.

We are aware that, in several instances, Appendix A, the *Proposed Updates to the 303(d) List*, has not fully captured all of the new listing and delisting decisions that are detailed in Appendix G, the *Fact Sheets*, due to system and clerical errors. The Los Angeles Water Board staff is currently working with the State Water Board staff to address the issues causing this in the California Water Quality Assessment Database (CalWQA). Appendix G does, however, capture all of the new listing and delisting decisions that are proposed.

The Los Angeles Water Board welcomes all comments on the draft 2016 Los Angeles Regional 303(d) list during this public comment period and will provide our response to comments and a revised 2016 Los Angeles Region 303(d) list after the public comment period closes on March 30, 2017. The draft 2016 Los Angeles Regional 303(d) list is available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/303d_list.shtml.

We also acknowledge the hard work among many in the regulated community and other stakeholders to improve the water quality in the Los Angeles region and we look forward to working together to achieve further water quality improvement. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. L.B. Nye at (213) 576-6785 or Dr. Jun Zhu at (213) 576-6681.

Sincerely,



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