

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

To: Interested Persons

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Regional Programs

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Subject: **Notice of change to Item 9, "Consideration of the proposed revisions to the Clean Water Act section 303(d) List of impaired waterbodies in the Los Angeles Region" on the May 4, 2017 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting agenda**

Item 9, Consideration of the proposed revisions to the Clean Water Act section 303(d) List, was previously noticed as an action item on the May 4, 2017 Board agenda. The Los Angeles Water Board received a significant number of written comments in response to the public notice and comment period, which ended on March 30, 2017. Board staff is actively working to respond to these comments and revise the proposed 2016 303(d) list, where appropriate.

Due to the extensive number of listing decisions and associated lines of evidence involved, and in order to have sufficient time to make the appropriate revisions prior to a decision on the Los Angeles Region's 303(d) list, Item 9 has been changed to a Board workshop rather than an action item. The workshop format will allow Board staff to discuss the 303(d) listing process with the Board members and stakeholders as well as provide the status of Board staff's response to comments. The update provided on the response to comments will include a discussion of the types of revisions to the proposed 303(d) list that will be made in response to comments. Some of these revisions include correcting lines of evidence that addressed beneficial uses that should not have been assessed (for example, P* MUN use designations); creating and assessing new lines of evidence for data submitted by August 2010 that were not included in the State's assessment database; and correcting decisions where sampling data were misapplied to a waterbody.

The Los Angeles Water Board's goal is to forward to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) a regional 303(d) list that includes decisions based on all data submitted by the August 2010 deadline; complies with the State's Listing Policy; and adheres to the 2016 303(d) listing cycle guidelines provided by the State Water Board. The State Water Board has a goal of finalizing the 2014 and 2016 303(d) lists by early fall 2017. A Board workshop at the regional level will better allow for a thorough discussion of the issues and for the State Water Board and the Los Angeles Water Board to meet their goals.

After the May 4, 2017 Board workshop, Los Angeles Water Board staff will continue to revise the 303(d) list, as appropriate, per comments received and any direction provided by the Board during the workshop. Los Angeles Water Board staff will not bring the 2016 303(d) list back to the Los Angeles Water Board for action. Instead, Los Angeles Water Board management and staff will provide a recommendation to the State Water Board and the State Water Board will consider approval of the Los Angeles Region's 2016 303(d) list, along with the other remaining Regional Water Boards' 303(d) lists, at a future State Water Board meeting.

We also note that the notice of "Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on the Proposed Revisions to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List for the Los Angeles Region" dated February 8, 2017, included the following language:

IV. FUTURE REVIEW BY STATE WATER BOARD

To request the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) or Executive Director of the State Water Board review specific listing recommendations approved by the Los Angeles Water Board, the request must be submitted to the State Water Board within 30 days after the Los Angeles Water Board approval...

With this revised approach, a request within 30 days will not be necessary. Instead, stakeholders can respond directly to the State Water Board when it releases its combined 2014 and 2016 303(d) list for public comment. The Los Angeles Water Board will provide notice to stakeholders and post on its website revisions to the 303(d) list per the comments received prior to the State Water Board's release of the combined 2014 and 2016 303(d) list for public comment.

The workshop will be held at the Los Angeles Water Board's regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: City of Pasadena
Council Chambers
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

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

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