

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

North Coast Region

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February 8, 2001

<u>AGENDA</u>

WORKSHOP ON TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2001 Eureka Public Marina Wharfinger Building #1 Marina Way Eureka, California

For questions regarding this agenda, please call Jean Lockett at (707) 576-2307 or FAX at (707) 523-0135. This notice and associated staff reports can be accessed electronically through our internet address: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb1/ (note: agenda items should be available electronically on February 8, 2001.)

Please note that time limitations on presentations may be imposed. The Regional Water Board requests that oral testimony be summarized. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Board.

9:00 a.m.

- i. Roll Call
- ii. **Public Forum** Time will be reserved for the general public to address the Board on any subject relating to the Board's responsibilities. The Chair will determine the number of persons who wish to speak. The Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limit their presentation to three minutes. More lengthy items may be calendared for a future meeting.

California Environmental Protection Agency



WORKSHOP

1. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Workshop

Regional Board staff will present a series of topics related to Clean Water Act section 303(d), Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). All interested persons are invited to present their oral comments following staff's presentations.

The forum for this workshop is meant to facilitate a free and open discussion of TMDLs. The Regional Water Board members wish to hear perspectives from all interested persons.

Outline for Staff Presentation

- I. Introduction (purpose of workshop, beneficial use impairments, the TMDL process)
- II. Pacific Salmon and their Freshwater Habitat Requirements
- III. Tools and Techniques for Assessing In-Stream and Hillslope Conditions
- IV. An Approach to Developing a Temperature TMDL, with an Example from the Navarro and Gualala River Watersheds
- V. An Approach to Developing a Sediment TMDL, with Examples from the Navarro and Gualala River Watersheds
- VI. TMDL Implementation Plans, with an Example from the Garcia River Watershed
- VII. Stakeholder Partnerships
- VIII. Funding and Support

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2.	Monthly Report of the Board	Written
3.	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks/Sewage Spills	Written
4	Proposition 65 Notifications	Written

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Jean Lockett, Secretary, at (707) 576-2307 at least five 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.

The Board wishes to limit oral presentations from all to 5 minutes maximum per party, but may limit testimony to 3 minutes per party, depending on time constraints. Interested persons should submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, six written copies of all comments, technical reports, and other material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2001. This written material will be provided to the Regional Water Board Members along with the full agenda materials. In addition, persons submitting written comments and other materials should be present at the Regional Water Board Meeting and available for questions. The Board's general practice is to not accept new written materials on the day of the hearing. Comments at the above scheduled meeting should be limited to a summary of the previously submitted written materials, provided however, that upon a proper showing that information is available which was not available at the time the written materials were submitted, the Board may allow further submission of oral or written comments. If this showing is not made, the Board may refuse to accept written materials.

A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing our web site at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html.

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board may recess for lunch; however, no business will be discussed.

Material presented to the Board, as part of testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Board. This includes photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, written testimony, etc. All Board files pertaining to the items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record submitted to the Regional Water Board by staff for its consideration prior to action on the related items.

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit being considered by the Regional Water Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contribution of \$250 or more to any Regional Water Board Member. This requirement applies to contributions of \$250 or more made by the active supporter or opponent or his/her agent for use in federal, state or local elections within the last 12 months.

Also, all permit applicants and/or persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES Permit pending before the Regional Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Board Member for three months following a Regional Water Board decision on the permit application.

Any person affected adversely by a decision of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to review the decision. The petition must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the Regional Water Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws and regulations applicable to filing a petition will be provided upon request.

The next Regional Water Board meeting will be held on March 22, 2001, in Santa Rosa, California.

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Bill of Rights for Environmental Permit Applicants

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) endorses the following precepts that form the basis of a permit applicant's "Bill of Rights":

- 1. Permit applicants have the right to assistance in understanding regulatory and permit requirements. All Cal/EPA programs maintain an Ombudsman to work directly with applicants. Permit Assistance Centers located throughout California have permit specialists from all State, regional, and local agencies to identify permit requirements and assist in permit processing.
- 2. Permit applicants have the right to know the projected fees for review of applications, how any costs will be determined and billed, and procedures for resolving any disputes over fee billings.
- 3. Permit applicants have the right of access to complete and clearly written guidance documents that explain the regulatory requirements. Agencies must publish a list of all information required in a permit application and of criteria used to determine whether the submitted information is adequate.
- 4. Permit applicants have the right of timely completeness determinations for their applications. In general, agencies notify the applicant within 30 days of any deficiencies or determine that the application is complete. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and public hearing requests may require additional information.
- 5. Permit applicants have the right to know exactly how their applications are deficient and what further information is needed to make their applications complete. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65944, after an application is accepted as complete, an agency may not request any new or additional information that was not specified in the original application.
- 6. Permit applicants have the right of a timely decision on their permit application. The agencies are required to establish time limits for permit reviews.
- 7. Permit applicants have the right to appeal permit review time limits by statute or administratively that have been violated without good cause. For state environmental agencies, appeals are made directly to the Cal/EPA Secretary or to a specific board. For local environmental agencies, appeals are generally made to the local governing board or, under certain circumstances, to Cal/EPA. Through this appeal, applicants may obtain a set date for a decision on their permit and in some cases a refund of all application fees (ask boards and departments for details).
- 8. Permit applicants have the right to work with a single lead agency where multiple environmental approvals are needed. For multiple permits, all agency actions can be consolidated under lead agency. For site remediation, all applicable laws can be administered through a single lead agency.
- 9. Permit applicants have the right to know who will be reviewing their application and the time required to complete the full review process.

For further information you may contact the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at (707)576-2220.

"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption." For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at: www.swrcb.ca.gov.