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**Subject:** FW: 2014 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region

Hi Alydda – I went to the website and it wasn't immediately evident how to get to the Triennial Review materials. It might be useful to put it in the announcements. Incidentally, the mixing zone policy (or lack thereof) might become important for stormwater discharges. That State Water Board's draft order re: the LA Co MS4 stormwater permit ([draft order](#)) proposes that stormwater comply with WQS and defines the reasonable potential process for stormwater. A key component of the reasonable potential assessment is the determination of a mixing zone and dilution factor if one is allowed. The Board recommends their approach be adopted statewide and it will be included in the Small MS4 permit. More importantly, the EPA's recently issued guidance on compliance with WQS for stormwater ([new guidance](#)) specifically calls for reasonable potential to be assessed for stormwater. As you know, the [SIP](#) defines the reasonable potential procedure for most discharges but stormwater is excluded. The SIP does not allow a dilution factor, i.e., no mixing zone. The Ocean Plan has a completely separate RP procedure which does include establishing a mixing zone (dilution factor) but strangely, doesn't allow currents to be considered. Anyway, mixing zones and the associated dilution factors will likely become more important in the future and not just for POTW discharges.

Best wishes for the New Year!

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**This is a message from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (1).**

#### BACKGROUND

Section 13250 of Porter-Cologne and Section 303 (c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act require a review of basin plans at least once each three-year period to keep pace with changes in regulations, new technologies, policies, and physical attributes within the region. The Regional Water Board is responsible for this review, and is required to: 1) identify those portions of the Basin Plan that are in need of modification or new additions; 2) adopt standards as appropriate; and 3) recognize those portions of the Basin Plan that are appropriate as written. The review process includes public scoping meetings, a public workshop and a comment period to identify issues of water quality

concern that may be amended by revisions of the Basin Plan. After public input is received, the Regional Water Board's role in the Triennial Review process is to determine if Basin Plan revisions are needed, and to set forth a priority list and schedule for consideration of the needed Basin Plan revisions.

As part of the 2014 Triennial Review, the Regional Water Board also will be asked to adopt editorial Basin Plan amendments, under a separate resolution.

#### 2014 TRIENNIAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

Attached is the *2014 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan, Draft Proposed Basin Plan Amendment Project Priorities* which staff will present at a public workshop before the Regional Water Board on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. The meeting will be held in Santa Rosa at the Regional Water Board offices and begins at 1:00pm. Please see the Regional Water Board's website for address and directions. The Board will take no action at this time. But, public comments on the proposed priorities are welcome and encouraged.

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>

A *Draft Staff Report for the 2014 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Draft Staff Report)* will be posted on the Regional Water Board's website and made available via the Regional Water Board's Basin Planning email subscription (Lyris) list on November 21, 2014. The *Draft Staff Report* describes the status of 2011 priority projects and presents new issues that should be addressed in the 2014 Triennial Review. It also includes staff's priority ranking of the proposed projects, as well as proposed editorial revisions to Chapters 1 and 2 of the Basin Plan. Written comments on the *Draft Staff Report* may be submitted through January 9, 2015.

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