Appendix #4

How Public Comments are Used

Public comments help to document public interest in an agency decision. Comments can be provided through public hearing transcripts, public meetings, email correspondence, verbal communications, and/or letters written to the Water Boards.



RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Public comments are always appreciated, reviewed and considered. However, in some cases, the Water Boards are required to prepare a response to public comments.

Generally, a response to public comments will:

- Describe which provisions, if any, of the draft have been changed because of the comments, and
- Describe and respond to all significant comments on the draft raised during the public comment period.

Where appropriate, similar comments from different parties may be grouped together when responding to them, so that the commenters are identified, but the response addresses the issue as a whole.

NOTIFICATION OF RESPONSE

Responses to comments are typically posted on the Water Boards' Web site(s), with paper copies available upon request.

