

## Gualala River TMDL Action Plan Development April 2024 Update

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### Second Quarter 2024 Update:

Staff continue to develop initial environmental documentation in support of a draft Action Plan for the Gualala River TMDL. In addition, staff are assessing instream monitoring data collected by the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC). The purpose of this assessment is to understand current conditions in the watershed. This assessment will be included as an appendix to the Staff Report supporting the Action Plan.

The public process for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping will begin in late May. Staff have sent consultation request letters to tribes within the watershed or tribes that have had historical presence near the project area. These tribes will have the opportunity to provide input through the CEQA scoping process.

Exact dates for the CEQA scoping window and associated public workshop(s) will be announced on the project website and through the Regional Board's email distribution list. Staff are preparing a CEQA project fact sheet and a list of potential compliance measures to be included in the Action Plan which will be presented at the public workshop(s). Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback through written comments during the CEQA scoping window and have an opportunity for questions and answers during the public workshop(s).

For background information on this project, please see our project webpage which includes announcements, past quarterly updates, a project fact sheet, and staff contact information. The project webpage can be found here: [Gualala River | California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board](#)

or at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/tmdls/gualala\\_river/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/gualala_river/)

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