

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 Proposed Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) is proposing to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) to establish a Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Program of Implementation (TMDL Action Plan) for the Russian River Watershed. Regional Water Board staff invites you to attend a public workshop to learn about the Draft Pathogen TMDL and TMDL Action Plan.

Background:

Regional Water Board staff has drafted the Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load and Program of Implementation for the Russian River Watershed (TMDL Action Plan) and the Staff Report for the TMDL Action Plan (Staff Report). The draft Staff Report describes the watershed setting, the applicable regulatory framework, and desired watershed conditions. It further documents pathogen pollution and impairments in the Russian River and its tributaries, identifies potential sources of pathogens, and estimates the pathogen loading capacity of the system based on the draft statewide bacteria objectives for *E. coli* now out for public review. The draft Staff Report provides the scientific basis and technical evidence of the Pathogen TMDL and proposes a concentration-based Waste Load Allocation and Load Allocation for the fecal indicator bacteria, *E. coli* for pathogen sources. The draft TMDL Action Plan contains the technical components of the Pathogen TMDL and the draft Program of Implementation. The Program of Implementation includes a proposed Advanced Protection Management Program (APMP) boundary, within which Onsite Waste Treatment System (OWTS) owners will have certain responsibilities to confirm the proper functioning of OWTS. The draft Action Plan also includes a prohibition of the discharge of fecal waste materials that cause or contribute to an exceedance of bacteria water quality objectives except as authorized by waste discharge requirements or action of the Regional Water Board or State Water Board.

Public Workshop:

Regional Water Board staff will present the draft Staff Report and draft TMDL Action Plan for the Russian River Watershed. Written and verbal public comments will be received at the workshop.

Date: **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

Time: **5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Guerneville Veterans Memorial Hall, 16225 1st Street, Guerneville**

Public Comment Period:

Written public comments regarding the Draft Pathogen TMDL and TMDL Action Plan will be received from August 7, 2017 – September 29, 2017. Public comments can be sent to the attention of Alydda Mangelsdorf at the Regional Water Board at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments can also be faxed to 707-523-0135 or mailed to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - North Coast Region, ATTN: Alydda Mangelsdorf, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft Action Plan, draft Staff Report, including the draft Substitute Environmental Document, are available for public review and comment and can be downloaded from the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/ These documents can also be viewed by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or calling 707-576-2220.

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