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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AQUATIC HABITAT CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written public comments on the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to include information on climate change. The amendment describes efforts made to support the long-term resilience of aquatic habitats in the San Francisco Bay region. It includes a suite of questions and information that may be relevant to permitting dredge or fill activities in or near the region's coastal waters, especially shoreline climate change adaptation projects. It also updates references, corrects errors, and makes minor, non-substantive edits for clarity. The amendment is informational and contains no new regulations. The San Francisco Bay Water Board adopted the amendment on July 13, 2022 ([Resolution No. R2-2022-0027](#)).

#### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Basin Plan amendment is available for review at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/climate\\_change/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/climate_change/)

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Christina Toms at [Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov) or 510-622-2506.

**FUTURE NOTICES.** The State Water Board will separately publish a public notice of and an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Any person desiring to receive future notices of the meeting or any change to the information noticed herein must subscribe to the list serve e-mail distribution list by accessing the following e-mail list subscription form and checking the boxes for "Climate Change" and "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and information":

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg2\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml).

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on January 2, 2023**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—Climate Change Basin Plan Amendment**".

If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov), identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS** (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board.
2. If the San Francisco Bay Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the San Francisco Bay Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the San Francisco Bay Water Board or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** Please direct any questions about this notice to Christina Toms at the San Francisco Bay Water Board, at [Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov) or 510-622-2506.

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November 16, 2022  
Date

  
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Clerk to the Board