
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 (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR BACTERIA IN THE PETALUMA RIVER WATERSHED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to establish a TMDL and an implementation plan for bacteria in the Petaluma River Watershed. The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board on November 13, 2019 (Resolution No. R2-2019-0030) and is available for review at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/petalumabacterianutrienttmdl.html

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Farhad Ghodrati at (510) 622-2331 or Farhad.Ghodrati@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment must subscribe to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml and select "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and Information." The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the San Francisco Bay Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF 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 April 13, 2020**. 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 (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

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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—Bacteria TMDL for The Petaluma River Watershed.**"

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.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Farhad Ghodrati at the San Francisco Bay Water Board, at (510) 622-2331 or Farhad.Ghodrati@waterboards.ca.gov; or Yuri Won, Senior Staff Counsel, at (510) 622-2491 or Yuri.Won@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date March 10, 2020



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board