

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 17, 2018

NOTICE OF CEQA SCOPING MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Regarding

Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Improve and Clarify Discharge Prohibition Language

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting and public workshop to seek input on a proposed amendment to the **Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin** (Basin Plan) to improve and clarify discharge prohibition language.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the meeting. The purpose of the scoping meeting is to seek input from members of the public and public agencies on the proposed Basin Plan amendments and the scope of the environmental assessment.

The Central Coast Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Coast. A quorum of Central Coast Water Board members may be present at the CEQA Scoping Meeting; however, the Central Coast Water Board will not be taking any action at the meeting.

Time and Location of Meeting:

Date: November 15, 2018 (Thursday)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Central Coast Water Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 ([Map](#))

Background

The Basin Plan provides the foundation for water quality regulation and consists of water quality standards, including beneficial use designations, and control measures for surface waters and groundwaters within the Central Coastal Region of California. In 2017, the Central Coast Water Board adopted the Triennial Review of the Basin Plan. Based on the Triennial Review, staff determined that some changes to the Basin Plan are necessary and are seeking early public comment on proposed amendments within the context of this project. The project includes the future adoption of a proposed amendment to the Basin Plan to improve and clarify waste discharge prohibition language in five areas:

Proposed Amendment 1: Establish Prohibitions on Unauthorized Discharges in All Waters

Proposed Amendment 2: Amend the Land Disturbance Prohibition

Proposed Amendment 3: Amend the Inland Waters Prohibition

Proposed Amendment 4: Add Monterey Bay Prohibition Zone Map (editorial)

Proposed Amendment 5: Consolidate Domestic Animal Waste Prohibitions (editorial)

A scoping document is available that provides more detail regarding the Basin Plan amendment project on the Basin Planning website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/publications_forms/publications/basin_plan/

Purpose of the Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

This workshop and CEQA scoping meeting will provide participants with: 1) an explanation and understanding of the project under development; 2) an opportunity to comment on the project; and 3) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental analysis and environmental documentation for this project to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the Central Coast Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15251, subdivision (g); and Title 23, Section 3775 et seq.).

Central Coast Water Board staff will consider the issues raised and comments provided by workshop attendees, both on the project and on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental documentation, in the final reports that will be presented to the Central Coast Water Board.

Central Coast Water Board staff will solicit oral comments at the public workshop. Additionally, if stakeholders wish to submit written comments regarding the potential environmental impact issues relevant to CEQA scoping, please submit the written comments on or before December 14, 2018. To submit written comments, please see the section entitled "*How to Submit Written Comments*" below. Central Coast Water Board staff will not prepare written responses to each individual comment received, but staff will incorporate written responses to all significant environmental points in the final reports that will be provided to the Central Coast Water Board.

Who Should Attend

All interested parties, including individuals representing agricultural interests, landowners who own or operate agricultural operations, representatives of municipalities and other public agencies/entities, representatives of environmental groups, and all other individuals interested in this project.

How to Submit Written Comments

Persons wishing to submit written comments regarding CEQA scoping elements for this TMDL project may submit them via email to Steven Saiz at Steve.Saiz@waterboards.ca.gov. If you wish to submit CEQA scoping written comments by postal mail, please address to Steven Saiz at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906.

Contact Information

For questions regarding CEQA scoping or the project please contact Steven Saiz at the email listed above or at (805) 594-3879. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact Steven at least five working days prior to the meeting.