
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT,
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND WORKSHOP,
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATER BODIES
AND CONSIDERATION OF AN INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT REPORT
FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will accept comments on the draft 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report and proposed revisions to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments (303(d) List) during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins September 21, 2016 and ends October 20, 2016.
2. Central Valley Water Board staff will hold a public meeting and workshop to provide information, answer questions, receive input, and facilitate discussion with the Central Valley Water Board Members and the public on the draft 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report with focus on the proposed revisions to the 303(d) List during the regularly scheduled Board meeting:

Date: 13 or 14 October 2016
Location: Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001
3. The Central Valley Water Board will hold a public hearing at which the Central Valley Water Board Members will consider adopting a resolution approving the proposed revisions to the 303(d) List during the regularly scheduled Board meeting:

Date: 5 or 6 December 2016
Location: Central Valley Water Board, Sacramento Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Meeting agendas with the meetings date and times will be available at least ten (10) days prior to the public meeting and hearing.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The 303(d) List update documents are available for review at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/impaired_waters_list/index.shtml.

A copy of these documents can also be received by mail by contacting Jay Simi at (916) 464-4833 or Jay.Simi@waterboards.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State of California is required by federal Clean Water Act section 305(b) to conduct an assessment of the quality of all surface waters. In addition, the State of California is required by federal Clean Water Act section 303(d) and Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) section 130.7 to develop and submit biennially to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval a list of polluted waters or water quality limited (or impaired) segments (distinct portions of rivers, streams, lakes, ocean waters, etc.). This list is commonly referred to as the "303(d) List" or the "List of Impaired Waters." A report has been prepared that integrates the two assessment efforts for Central Valley waters into one Integrated Report.

The 303(d) List includes water bodies that are not meeting, or are not expected to meet all water quality standards with the implementation of technology-based controls and best management practices (BMPs). The 303(d) List must include water quality limited segments (those segments of the water body not meeting standards even after the application of technology-based effluent limitations), associated pollutants, and a priority ranking of the waters for the purpose of developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). A TMDL is the maximum load of a pollutant that may be discharged from point and nonpoint sources into the water body without violating standards applicable to that water body. In addition, water bodies on the 303(d) List can be delisted when evidence indicates that the impairment(s) does not exist and the water body is meeting water quality standards, or that the impairment listing is flawed.

This notice solicits public comments on proposed revisions to the 303(d) List. The list of impaired waters is specific to waters within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. The proposed revisions to the 303(d) List would update the 2012 303(d) List.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Persons interested in commenting on the proposed updates to the 303(d) List are encouraged to submit written comments electronically. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 PM on Thursday, October 20, 2016**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the Central Valley Water Board's Chair. Please send comments to Jay Simi at the Central Valley Water Board by email at Jay.Simi@waterboards.ca.gov. Please include the term "303(d) List Revisions" in the subject heading of your email.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP PURPOSE: The purpose of the workshop is for Central Valley Water Board staff to provide information, answer questions, receive input, and facilitate discussion with the Central Valley Water Board Members and the public. During the workshop, staff will provide an overview of the Integrated Report process, including data and methods used in the evaluation, as well as resultant recommended status of water bodies in the Central Valley Region in terms of their support of their designated beneficial uses. Staff will receive public verbal comments regarding the Integrated Report process. A quorum of Board members will likely be present at the meeting but no Board action will be taken.

BOARD HEARING PURPOSE: In response to written comments and oral testimony received during the October 2016 public workshop and the December 2016 public hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will consider for approval the Integrated Report and each proposed listing change and will consider adoption of a proposed Resolution in support of its recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for inclusion in the statewide 303(d) List.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING: Persons interested in attending the public workshop and/or Board hearing are invited to attend in person. Those who wish to speak at the workshop and/or hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Central Valley Water Board staff. Comments from the public may be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Board Chair. Requests for additional time at the hearing should be submitted to the Board by **5:00 PM on Thursday, October 20, 2016**. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five (5) days before the scheduled public meeting or hearing. Individuals requiring language translation services are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public meeting or hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Services at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

NEXT STEPS: If the Central Valley Water Board approves the proposed 303(d) List, it is then submitted to the California State Water Resources Control Board and USEPA for their respective reviews and approvals.

ADDITIONAL 303(d) LIST INFORMATION: Future announcements of meetings and hearings and availability of materials for review and comment related to the 303(d) List revisions can be obtained by subscribing to the email subscription titled "Impaired Waterways 303(d) List": http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please direct any questions about this notice to Jay Simi, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (916) 464-4833 or Jay.Simi@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

Original signed by
Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer

19 September 2016
Date