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## San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### DRAFT TMDL-SPECIFIC PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL GENERAL STORM WATER PERMIT – Napa River Sediment TMDL and Sonoma Creek Sediment TMDL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) invites public comments on the following:

1. Draft TMDL-specific permit requirements for the Napa River Sediment TMDL
2. Draft TMDL-specific permit requirements for the Sonoma Creek Sediment TMDL

As explained in greater detail below, after receiving public comment, the Regional Water Board will submit proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for the State Water Board to consider adoption and incorporation into the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ). The Regional Water Board will take no formal action regarding the proposed TMDL-specific permit language.

#### BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2014, the State Water Board reissued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ) (industrial general permit).<sup>1</sup> As required by findings 38 through 42 of the industrial general permit, the State Water Board and the Regional Water Board staff are developing proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements for each of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) listed in Attachment E of the industrial general permit. The Regional Water Board is conducting a 30-day public comment period on the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements before submitting the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements to the State Water Board. The State Water Board will also conduct a public comment period regarding the reopening of the industrial general permit to amend Attachment E, the fact sheet, and other provisions as necessary for incorporation of TMDL-specific permit requirements into the industrial general permit. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit comments to the Regional Water Board before the draft TMDL-specific language is submitted to the State

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<sup>1</sup> **The industrial general permit is available electronically at:**  
[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml).

Water Board. Until the State Water Board reopens the industrial general permit and includes TMDL-specific permit requirements, dischargers enrolled in the industrial general permit are not required to take any additional actions to comply with the TMDLs listed in Attachment E, unless notified otherwise by the Regional Water Board.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments on the TMDL-specific permit language for the Napa River Sediment TMDL and the Sonoma Creek TMDL. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on March 31 and addressed Christine Boschen by email to [Christine.boschen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Christine.boschen@waterboards.ca.gov). Documents that are 25MB or more should be transmitted on CD or DVD and mailed to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, c/o Christine Boschen, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612. Paper submittals are discouraged but may be mailed to the address provided.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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