
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice Date: October 13, 2020

NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN, AND DRAFT SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has filed a draft substitute environmental document supporting a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) to:

Establish a Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load and Implementation Plan for Pillar Point Harbor and Venice Beach and Update Bacteria Objectives for Protecting Water Contact Recreation in the Basin Plan

The proposed Basin Plan amendment will establish a TMDL on the discharge of bacteria into Pillar Point Harbor and Venice Beach to reasonably protect contact recreation beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation to achieve the TMDL. The Water Board is considering the Basin Plan amendment in accordance with a certified regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pub. Res. Code, §§ 21000 et seq.) The draft Staff Report serves as the substitute environmental documentation required under the Water Board's certified regulatory program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 3775 et seq.) and includes the required environmental analyses of the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board will receive public comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report in accordance with this notice.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on and consider adoption of the proposed amendment and draft Staff Report. The hearing will be held as follows:

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: **February 10, 2021**
TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATION: Virtual meeting via Zoom. Please check the Water Board's Covid-19 webpage: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html to find out more about how to participate in San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board Meetings during the COVID-19 Emergency.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting draft Staff Report will be available online at the Water Board's public notice page: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/ and the TMDL project page: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/PPH_TMDL.html .

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: The Water Board will accept written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2020 to be considered in the revised Basin Plan amendment or draft Staff Report and be included in the written response to comments before the Board hearing. Please send all written comments to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the hearing need not be submitted in advance. Due to Covid-19 and telework, we encourage you to email a copy of your written comments to the staff contact by the same deadline.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft Staff Report, including changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the comments received.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649.3. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will generally be limited to five minutes. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

The meeting will be held virtually. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Guy Gutterman, (510) 622-2399, Guy.Gutterman@Waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Future Notices: Any changes in the date of the hearing, the availability of responses to comments or any other updates will be by the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed Basin Plan amendment and substitute environmental document must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up, access the E-mail List Subscription at the Lyris subscription page: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.html, and select the box for "Coastal San Mateo County" option and provide the required information.