
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice Date: August 29, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING to RENEW
Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Grazing Operations in
the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will hold a public hearing on **November 8, 2017** to consider renewing the 2011 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Grazing Operations in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds (2011 Waiver). The 2011 Waiver applies to existing and potential future grazing operations within the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds. The proposed resolution to renew the Conditional Waiver does not expand the scope or requirements of the 2011 Waiver.

The project document for public review and comment is the tentative resolution renewing the Conditional Waiver.

MATERIALS: The proposed Conditional Waiver and its attachments, along with the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 2011 Waiver and a CEQA addendum, are available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/grazing/napa_sonoma_grazing.shtml

Hard copies are available for public review at the Water Board's offices, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612.

The public hearing information is as follows:

DATE: November 8, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building, First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

STAFF CONTACT: René Leclerc, P.E.
San Francisco Bay Regional Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612
510.622.2410 (ph.)
510.622.2460 (fax)
Email: Rene.Leclerc@waterboards.ca.gov

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: The 30-day public comment period for the proposed Conditional Waiver begins on August 30, 2017. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 PM, on Friday, September 29, 2017. Please send all written comments on the proposed Conditional Waiver 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.

Prior to the hearing, Water Board staff will post to the above website any proposed changes to the proposed Conditional Waiver, along with written responses to all comments received during the public comment period. Any changes in the date of the hearing or any other updates will also be noticed on the above website.

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed Conditional Waiver at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Conditional Waiver, including changes that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed Conditional Waiver and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received. Alternatively, in response to written comments and testimony received, the Water Board may recommend that staff make changes to the proposed Conditional Waiver to be presented for its consideration at a subsequent hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 23 section 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearing and groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All Exhibits presented at the hearing including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board and will become part of the administrative record.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 23 section 2050(c), any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

Maps and directions to the hearing are available online at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about_us/directions.shtml.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Brandy Stone, (510) 622-2399, Brandy.Stone@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five 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.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer