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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

December 16, 2013

**Notice of Availability for Comment:  
Proposed revisions to the  
303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies in the San Francisco Bay Region,  
Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds**

This notice solicits public comment on two proposed revisions to the list of impaired waters under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The proposed revisions are specific to the Napa River and Sonoma Creek, which are under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board).

The Federal Clean Water Act requires that each state develop a list of impaired water bodies and associated pollutants (“303(d) list”). In California, this list sets the Water Board’s agenda for action to achieve or maintain water quality standards. **The proposed revisions and Tentative Resolution would remove listed impairments by nutrients (primarily nitrogen and phosphorus) for the freshwater portions of the Napa River and Sonoma Creek.**

The proposed revisions are available for downloading and public review and comment at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public\\_notices/#basin](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#basin). **The public comment period will close at 5 p.m. on January 15, 2014.**

The Water Board will hold a public hearing as described below to receive public comment on the delisting of these two waters from the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. At this hearing, the Board will consider approval of these two proposed listing changes and adoption of a Resolution to the State Water Resources Control Board in support of these recommendations.

DATE: February 12, 2014

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

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building  
First Floor Auditorium  
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### **Submitting comments**

The 30-day public comment period for the Tentative Resolution and supporting staff report will begin on December 16, 2013, and **will end at 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2014**. All written comments on the proposed amendment are due by this date 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.

Any proposed changes to the publicly noticed documents and staff's responses to written comments submitted before the close of the comment period will be posted at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/TMDLs/303dlist.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/303dlist.shtml).

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed amendment at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Resolution. Alternatively, in response to written comments and testimony received, the Water Board may recommend that staff make changes to the Tentative Resolution, which would 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; 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. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about\\_us/directions.shtml](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 Angela Tsao at (510) 622 2399 or [Angela.Tsao@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Angela.Tsao@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.

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