
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 1, 2022

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN, AND SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will consider an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) and supporting substitute environmental document (SED) during a public hearing on **July 13, 2022**, instead of June 8, 2022, as initially publicly noticed. The hearing will be the second hearing on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED. The Basin Plan amendment includes information on climate change and how it might affect the region's waters; describes efforts made to support the long-term resilience of aquatic habitats in the region; includes a suite of questions and information that may be relevant when the Water Board permits dredge or fill activities in or near the region's shorelines, especially climate adaptation projects; and updates references, corrects errors, and makes minor, non-substantive edits for clarity. The Basin Plan amendment is informational and contains no new regulations. The Water Board is proposing to update the Basin Plan in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations. The hearing will be held:

HEARING DATE: July 13, 2022

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

LOCATION*: Elihu M. Harris Building Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Remote participation will be allowed. Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html

If you wish only to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at: <https://cal-span.org/> Please use this link UNLESS you intend to comment.

The public written comment period on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED (comprising a staff report and its appendices) closed on April 22, 2022. No new written comments will be accepted. The proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED are available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#basin Responses to comments and any revisions to the proposed Basin Plan and SED will be posted in advance of the hearing, no later than July 6, 2022, in the Water Board's July agenda available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

At the July hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED, including any 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 Board will hear oral public testimony on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED and encourages participants to limit their testimony to the revisions made to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED since their initial public release.

The public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 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; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson.

If you require special accommodations at the physical meeting location, please contact Victor Aelion, (510) 622-2093, Victor.Aelion@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 noticed 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 form at the Lyris subscription page: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.html, and select the box for "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and Information" option.

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