

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice date: September 13, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2024 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the 2024 Basin Plan Triennial Review list of prioritized projects (Prioritized List). The purpose of the Triennial Review is to examine and update the focus of Water Board basin planning efforts. Section 13240 of the Water Code and section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act require the Water Board to review the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) at least once every three years for the purpose of updating the plan. The Basin Plan is the master policy document that designates the beneficial uses of the region's waters, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and describes implementation plans for achieving water quality objectives. It also describes the legal, technical, and programmatic bases of water quality regulation in the San Francisco Bay Region.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the public has an opportunity to comment, in accordance with this notice, on the 2024 Basin Plan Triennial Review Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects and staff report.

The hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**
TIME: 9 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATIONS: Elihu M. Harris State Building
Main Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California 94612

In addition to a physical meeting location, there will be an option for the public to participate from a remote location. Additional 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.

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Written comments from the public on an initial list of candidate basin planning projects were accepted from April 10 to May 24, 2024. Water Board staff created and distributed an online form allowing the public to comment on the Triennial Review process and the Basin Plan, as well as recommended basin planning issues for investigation. Following a review of all comments received through that process, Water Board staff prepared a staff report describing the Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects that may be pursued over the next three years and that could ultimately result in Basin Plan amendments.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The 2024 Basin Plan Triennial Review staff report and the Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects is available at the Water Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#triennialreview

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: All public written comments on the staff report and Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects **must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2024.** Additionally, all evidence and exhibits proposed to be offered at the hearing must also be received by the Water Board by this deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted. The written materials must be sent to the staff contact identified above, preferably by email.

One week before the hearing date, a resolution to adopt the 2024 Basin Plan Triennial Review list of prioritized projects, any revisions to the staff report, and written responses to comments received during the public comment period will be posted on the Board's agenda, which is available on the following website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the 2024 Basin Plan Triennial review, including the Prioritized List, proposed resolution and staff report, at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed resolution completing the 2024 Triennial Review and adopting the Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649, et seq. 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 **three minutes**. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant, Julie Haas, at (510) 622-2399 or Julie.Haas@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, time, place, format of the hearing or any other updates will be noticed by an email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices must sign up for the email distribution list at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=san_francisco_bay, and select the box for the "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and Information" option in the section on Basin Planning and TMDLs.