
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT,
PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING¹**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES: SEDIMENT QUALITY PROVISIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California: Sediment Quality Provisions (Proposed Amendments), and the Draft Staff Report including the Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation (Draft Staff Report). Information on how to submit comments is provided below.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public input and comments on the Proposed Amendments and Draft Staff Report. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken.

The public hearing will be:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional information on the hearing in Sacramento can be found at the State Water Board's web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is developing amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California: Sediment Quality Provisions. The amendments to the plan include application and implementation of the sediment quality objective (SQO) protecting benthic communities from direct exposure to pollutants in sediments, and application and implementation of the SQO protecting human consumers of resident sportfish from contaminants that bioaccumulate from sediment into fish tissue.

¹ Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Proposed Amendments and related documents and information are available on the State Water Board's web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/bptcp/sediment.shtml

You may request a paper copy of the proposed Provisions by calling Chris Beegan at (916) 341-5912 or via email at Chris.Beegan@waterboards.ca.gov.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the December 5, 2017, public hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. At the hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

The State Water Board will schedule a meeting subsequent to the public hearing at which it will consider adopting the Provisions.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

State Water Board staff will accept input and recommendations through written comments. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 noon on Thursday, December 14, 2017**, and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: "**Sediment Quality Objectives.**"

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

WEBCAST INFORMATION

Video and audio broadcasts of the staff workshop and public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

This is to advise that the State Water Board is proposing to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California in accordance with a regulatory program certified as 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 (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board website:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5254 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board public hearing will be at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public hearing will be noticed on the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Draft Amendments, including any changes to the notice of public comment and public hearing and the subsequent meeting for the State Water Board’s consideration of adoption, must sign up for a Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for a Lyris list, access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed below, at the “Water Quality” tab, by checking the box for “Sediment Quality Objectives”:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

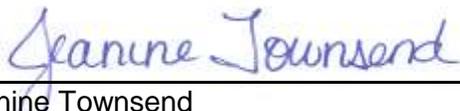
Please direct questions about this notice to Chris Beegan at (916) 341-5912

(Chris.Beegan@waterboards.ca.gov) or Annalisa Kihara at (916) 324-6786

(Annalisa.Kihara@waterboards.ca.gov).

October 24, 2017

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board