



State Water Resources Control Board

January 15, 2019

Dear Interested Party,

REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has begun the review of the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan). The Ocean Plan identifies the beneficial uses of ocean waters, establishes water quality objectives for protecting those beneficial uses, and describes implementation programs for achieving water quality standards. Triennial reviews of water quality control plans are required by the Clean Water Act section 303(c)(1) and U.S. EPA Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 131.20.

The purpose of the review is to identify key issues that will guide the State Water Board's priorities for future amendments to the Ocean Plan. Potential projects or amendments may include, but are not limited to, proposing new or revising existing water quality objectives and beneficial uses, revising programs of implementation, and reviewing exceptions to the Ocean Plan.

State Water Board staff is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, from 10am to 12pm at the Konocti Vista Casino Banquet Room, 2755 Mission Rancheria Road, Lakeport, CA 95453 for a scoping meeting focused on tribal engagement to discuss the review and solicit informal comments on potential projects or amendments to update the Ocean Plan. If you are interested in attending, please contact Angela Rabe at (916) 322-4266 or at <u>Angela.Rabe@waterboards.ca.gov</u> by January 25, 2019. Additional opportunities for public comment will be provided after the release of the draft staff report and list of projects in the summer of 2019.

Additional information on the review and the Ocean Plan can be found at the State Water Board's website at: <u>https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/</u>. To receive updates on the review and other projects related to the Ocean Plan, please sign up for the listserv through visiting the State Water Board's website at: <u>https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/</u>, please click the link on the right panel to subscribe to the California Ocean Plan Email List.

If you have any specific questions regarding the review and the Ocean Plan, please feel free to reach out to Katherine Walsh at (916) 445-2317 or at <u>Katherine.Walsh@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

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Sincerely,

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