NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN AMENDMENT
STATE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AREAS AND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public scoping meeting for a proposed amendment to the California Ocean Plan to address State Water Quality Protection Areas and Marine Protected Areas. The purpose of this meeting is to seek input on the scope and content of the environmental information that should be included in the draft substitute environmental documentation prepared to support the amendment.

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the scoping meeting. No action will be taken by the State Water Board at the scoping meeting.

Friday, July 8, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor - Klamath Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

AVAILABILITY OF THE SCOPING DOCUMENT

Information on the amendment is posted in a scoping document on the State Water Board Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml. You may also receive a copy by writing or calling: Ms. Emily Siegel, Division of Water Quality (DWQ), State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, (916) 341-7338, Fax: (916) 341-5584, email: esiegel@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the environmental information that should be included in the draft substitute environmental documentation. Comments should be limited to identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in-depth in the substitute environmental documentation. Comment letters to the State Water Board must be received by 12:00 noon on July 15, 2011. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted.
Please address comments to:

Ms. Emily Siegel  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 15th Floor  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100  

Comment letters may also be submitted to Ms. Siegel via email at esiegel@waterboards.ca.gov (15 megabytes, or less, in size), or by fax at (916) 341-5584. Please indicate in the subject line, “Comment Letter – Ocean Plan Amendment, SWQPA.”

Comments may also be hand delivered. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel on the first floor of the Cal/EPA Building at the above address. Questions on comment submittal may be directed to Ms. Siegel, at (916) 341-7338.

TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions and parking information, please refer to:  
http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm

The facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building’s public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to security requirements. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, and then proceed to the Klamath Room.

June 9, 2011  
Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board