

State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN – TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Monday, May 24, 2004 – 10:00 am Central Valley Auditorium – Second Floor Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public hearing to seek input on potential revisions to the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan). An audio broadcast will be available at <u>http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/</u>.

BACKGROUND

The SWRCB held a public scoping meeting regarding four potential Ocean Plan amendments on January 23, 2004. The scoping meeting was continued on February 3, 2004 at the SWRCB workshop at the request of the Board. Staff identified four issues, in part from the 1999-2002 Triennial Review process for the Ocean Plan amendments: 1) Choice of Indicator Organisms for Water-Contact Bacterial Standards; 2) Establishing a Fecal Coliform Standard for Shellfish Harvesting Areas; 3) Reclassifying "Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)" to "State Water Quality Protection Areas (SWQPA)" and establishing implementation provisions for discharges into SWQPA; and 4) "Reasonable Potential:" Determining the likelihood that the concentration of a pollutant would cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards.

During the SWRCB workshop, the Board directed staff to conduct a new Triennial Review to determine if there are additional issues that should be reviewed for potential revision of the Ocean Plan.

The Triennial Review of the Ocean Plan identifies issues that should be examined by the SWRCB to determine if the Ocean Plan should be amended. A number of unresolved issues were carried over into the 1999-2002 Triennial Review from the previous triennial review.

AVAILABLILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Existing documents may help familiarize interested parties with past and current issues related to the Ocean Plan. An informational scoping document on the proposed Ocean Plan amendments and the 1999-2002 Triennial Review Workplan may be obtained on the SWRCB web site at

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http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/. You may also receive copies by writing or calling: Jan Hisao, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100; (916) 341-5568, FAX (916) 341-5584; or by email at hisaj@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The SWRCB will accept both written and oral suggestions on the issues, which should be addressed in the next Ocean Plan amendment. Comments should include the rationale for selecting identified issues. Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m., May 12, 2004 and should be submitted to Frank Roddy, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100; FAX (916) 341-5584; email: roddf@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

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Clerk to the Board

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