

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST OF WATER QUALITY LIMITED SEGMENTS PORTION OF THE 2012 CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed federal Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) list of water quality limited segments (303(d) List) portion of the 2012 California Integrated Report. The 2012 California Integrated Report includes the CWA section 305(b) report of surface water quality (305(b) Report). Only the 303(d) List portion of the California Integrated Report requires approval by the State Water Board and U.S. EPA. Neither agency approves the 305(b) Report portion of the California Integrated Report.

BACKGROUND

The proposed 303(d) List portion of the 2012 California Integrated Report is a compilation of the 303(d) Lists from the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) for the North Coast, Lahontan, and Colorado River regions. In addition, the proposed 303(d) List includes State Water Board staff recommendations for additions, deletions, or changes to the 303(d) Lists from those three regions. Regional Water Board staff held stakeholder meetings in their respective regions and provided advance notice and opportunity for public comment prior to approval of their 303(d) Lists. After the State Water Board approves the 303(d) List, the 2012 California Integrated Report will be submitted to U.S. EPA. U.S. EPA may make changes to the 303(d) List which is only effective upon U.S. EPA's approval.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The State Water Board's approval of the 303(d) List is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because such action has no potential to result in a "direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on the environment" (Pub. Res. Code § 21065). The 303(d) List satisfies reporting requirements of the CWA and provides information for setting priorities for future actions.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed 2012 California Integrated Report, supporting draft Staff Report, and all fact sheets are available on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated2012.shtml

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Boards will accept comments on the 303(d) List portion of the proposed 2012 California Integrated Report. Electronically submitted comments are encouraged.

Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 5, 2015.**

Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board

determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

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)

Please also indicate in the subject line, “**Comment Letter—303(d) List portion of the 2012 California Integrated Report**”.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Board will hold a public meeting to receive public input on the proposed CWA section 303(d) List portion of the 2012 California Integrated Report. The public meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the March 3rd State Water Board public meeting, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Oral comments at the meeting will generally be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period (identified above). At the meeting, participants will be given opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting 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

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 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. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA 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 will hold the public meeting at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public meeting will be noticed on the Lyris e-mail list. The State Water Board will separately provide the agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the CWA 303(d) List portion of the 2012 California Integrate Report. The State Water Board will also provide adequate notice if it holds a separate workshop on this item prior to the above-noted State Water Board meeting. Any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed 2012 California Integrated Report, including any changes to the notice of public meeting and consideration of adoption **must subscribe** to the Integrated Report – 303(d)/305(b) lyrist list at:

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

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the State Water Board contact identified below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct any questions about this notice to Nick Martorano, Senior Environmental Scientist at (916) 341-5290 or nicholas.martorano@waterboards.ca.gov; or Stacy Gillespie, Senior Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5190 or stacy.gillespie@waterboards.ca.gov.

December 31, 2014

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board