

March 14, 2014

**NOTICE OF
AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT DOCUMENT,
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD,
BOARD WORKSHOP, AND
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE
STAFF REPORT
FOR THE
2012 INTEGRATED REPORT
FOR THE 305(b) WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT
AND THE 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) is proposing to revise the surface water quality assessment under Clean Water Act section 305(b) and the list of impaired waters under Clean Water Act section 303(d) in the 2012 Integrated Report.

Overview of the 2012 Integrated Report

Under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 305(b), states are required to report biennially to the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on the conditions of their surface waters. The US EPA then compiles these assessments into their biennial "National Water Quality Inventory Report" to Congress. Under CWA section 303(d), states are required to review, make changes as necessary, and submit to the US EPA a list identifying water bodies not meeting water quality standards and identifying the water quality parameter (i.e., pollutant) not being met. Placement of a water body on this list generally triggers development of a total maximum daily load (TMDL). California has integrated the 305(b) assessment and the 303(d) list of impaired waters into a single report, appropriately called the Integrated Report. The North Coast Regional Water Board is responsible for developing and adopting the 2012 Integrated Report for the North Coast Region.

Availability of the Public Review Draft

The "Public Review Draft Staff Report for the 2012 Integrated Report for the Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Surface Water Quality Assessment and the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters" (Public Review Draft 2012 Integrated Report) will be available for review on March 14, 2014 at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/303d/

Please contact Katharine Carter at 707-576-2290 or Katharine.Carter@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any problems accessing the documents via the website.

Solicitation of Comments on the Public Review Draft

This notice solicits comments on the Public Review Draft 2012 Integrated Report. The public comment period will open upon the release of the Public Review Draft 2012 Integrated Report. The public comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014. Written comments received after the public comment period (after 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2014) will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair.

Please submit written comments via U.S. Post, e-mail, fax, or delivery to:
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Any proposed changes to the Public Review Draft 2012 Integrated Report and staff's written responses to comments submitted during the public comment period, will be available prior to the Public Hearing.

Board Workshop

Regional Water Board staff will conduct a Board Workshop to present the Public Review Draft 2012 Integrated Report and a summary of public comments to the Regional Water Board members as follows:

May 8, 2014
River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

Members of the public are welcome to speak at the meeting, however any comments received during the Board Workshop will not be responded to in writing by Regional Water Board staff, as the meeting is after the close of the public comment period.

A separate notice for this Board Meeting announcing the meeting location and meeting content will be available in April 2014 at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/

Public Hearing

Based on comments received during the public comment period, Regional Water Board staff will incorporate revisions to the Public Review Draft 2012 Integrated Report in the final "Staff Report for the North Coast 2012 Integrated Report for the Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Surface Water Quality Assessment and the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters." The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the final 2012 Integrated Report for the North Coast Region as follows:

June 19, 2014
Hearing Room, Regional Water Board Office
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

A separate notice for this Board Meeting will be available in May 2014 at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/

At the Public Hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider for approval each proposed listing change to the CWA Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, and will consider

adoption of a Resolution in support of its recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board for the 2012 Integrated Report.

Public Hearing Procedures and Accessibility

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 649.3. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Patti Corsie, Executive Assistant, at (707) 576-2307 or Patti.Corsie@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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