

## State Water Resources Control Board

# NOTICE OF REVISED DOCUMENTS

## AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA TO CONTROL TRASH; PART 1 TRASH PROVISIONS OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR INLAND SURFACE WATERS, ENCLOSED BAYS, AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA; AND PROPOSED FINAL STAFF REPORT INCLUDING THE SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is posting for public review on its website the proposed Final Staff Report, including the Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) for the proposed Final Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan) to Control Trash and Part 1 Trash Provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (ISWEBE Plan) (collectively referred to as “Trash Amendments”). The proposed final documents contain revisions to the prior draft that was released to the public on June 10, 2014. The State Water Board is not providing a written comment period for the revisions made to the proposed Final Trash Amendments and proposed Final Staff Report, and written comments will not be considered. The public may provide oral comments to the proposed final document at the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider adopting the Proposed Final Trash Amendments and approving the SED, the date of which is not currently scheduled.

### BACKGROUND

Trash is a significant pollutant in California’s waters that adversely affects beneficial uses, including but not limited to uses that support aquatic life, wildlife, and public health. There is a need for a consistent statewide approach to controlling trash discharges into waters of the state. The provisions in the proposed Final Trash Amendments include the following six elements: (1) narrative water quality objective, (2) applicability, (3) prohibition of discharge, (4) implementation provisions, (5) time schedule, and (6) monitoring and reporting requirements. The project objective for the proposed Final Trash Amendments is to provide statewide consistency for the Water Boards’ regulatory approach to protect aquatic life and public health beneficial uses and other beneficial uses, and reduce environmental issues associated with trash in state waters, while focusing limited resources on high trash generating areas.

On July 16, 2014, the State Water Board held a public workshop to provide information to the public and respond to questions on the proposed Trash Amendments and Draft Staff Report, including the Draft SED. No action was taken by the State Water Board. On August 5, 2014, the State Water Board held a public hearing on the proposed Trash Amendments, the date of which coincided with the close of the written comment period. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive oral comments and testimony on the proposed Trash Amendments and Draft Staff Report, including the Draft SED. Participants were given an opportunity to supplement their written comments with oral statements. At the public hearing, State Water

Board staff delivered a presentation on the proposed Trash Amendments and twenty-three persons or groups provided public comment. No action was taken by the State Water Board.

At the close of the written comment period at noon on August 5, 2014, the State Water Board received [seventy-six written comment letters](#) on the proposed Trash Amendments and Draft Staff Report, including the Draft SED. The State Water Board will develop complete written responses to those written comments and make them available in advance of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Final Trash Amendments and approving the SED.

#### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Final Amendments to the Ocean Plan to Control Trash, Part 1 Trash Provisions to the ISWEBE Plan, and the proposed Final Staff Report are available on the State Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/trash\\_control/documentation.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/trash_control/documentation.shtml).

#### REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE WATER BOARD MEETINGS

The State Water Board will separately provide notice of the date and agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting the proposed Final Trash Amendments and approving the SED. The public will have an opportunity to provide oral comments at that State Water Board meeting. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the proposed Final Trash Amendments **must subscribe** to the lyris list by marking the box for "Trash Plan" (located under the section titled, "Water Quality Topics") at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](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

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