
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR BACTERIA AT THE BEACHES IN PILLAR POINT HARBOR AND VENICE BEACH AND TO UPDATE BACTERIA OBJECTIVES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on a proposed resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) establishing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for bacteria at the beaches in Pillar Point Harbor and Venice Beach and incorporating bacteria objectives for water contact recreation into the Basin Plan. The amendment also makes non-regulatory administrative changes to the Basin Plan Chapters 3, 4 and 5 to reflect statewide bacteria objectives, and editorial changes to clarify or remove outdated information. The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) on February 10, 2021 (Resolution No. R2-2021-0002) and is available for review at [the project page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/PPH_TMDL.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/PPH_TMDL.html).

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by email or postal mail by contacting Barbara Baginska at Barbara.Baginska@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment must subscribe to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml, select “ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Projects by Area” and check the box for “Coastal San Mateo County.” The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the San Francisco Bay Water Board contact identified below.

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SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on June 7, 2021** to ensure consideration by the State Water Board. 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 to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Please also indicate in the subject line **“Comment Letter—Bacteria TMDL for the Beaches in Pillar Point Harbor and Venice Beach.”**

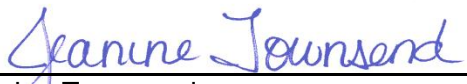
If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board.
2. If the San Francisco Bay Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes the response provided by the San Francisco Bay Water Board to that comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the San Francisco Bay Water Board or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Barbara Baginska at the San Francisco Bay Water Board by emailing Barbara.Baginska@waterboards.ca.gov or Marnie Ajello, Staff Counsel, Marnie.Ajello@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 30, 2021
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board