
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 2, 2023

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Concerning a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for Organophosphate Pesticides and Toxicity in the Lower Salinas River Watershed, Monterey County, California

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) will accept public written comments on the following:

- Proposed Resolution No. R3-2024-0002 amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) to establish total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for organophosphate pesticides and toxicity in the lower Salinas River watershed, Monterey County, California;
- Proposed Basin Plan amendment;
- TMDL Project Report;
- Response to external scientific peer review comments; and,
- Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

These documents will be available on or before October 16, 2023 on the [TMDL project website](#).¹ Copies of these documents will also be available upon request from the staff contact below. Written comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, December 22, 2023**.

The Central Coast Water Board's Basin Planning Program is a certified regulatory program exempt from the CEQA requirement to prepare an environmental impact report. (Public Resource Code, section 21080.5; California Code Regulations, title 14, section 15251(g)). The Central Coast Water Board's environmental review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment is instead contained in the CEQA Analysis and Environmental Checklist document, which is part of the SED.

Hearing Date: The Central Coast Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider the resolution adopting the proposed Basin Plan

¹ TMDL Project Website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/salinas/oppesticides/

amendment and SED. A public notice for the hearing will be posted 45 days prior to the hearing on the [Central Coast Water Board agenda website](#).²

Public Comments: Persons interested in providing written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft SED are encouraged to submit comments by electronic mail. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 PM on Friday, December 22, 2023**. Please send all written comments to the staff person listed below. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the Central Coast Water Board's Chair.

Interested persons should refer to the above TMDL Project website and subscribe to the Project email subscription list for any updates to this project schedule. To join the email subscription list, visit the TMDL Project website (see link above) and click on the link in the "Subscribe to our Email List", provide your name and email address, and select the checkbox for "Salinas River Pesticide – TMDL".

Staff Contact and Submission of Comments: Please electronically submit comments or questions regarding this notice to Larry Harlan (Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov). Written comments may be mailed to Larry Harlan at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

² Central Coast Water Board Agenda's website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/