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**NOTICE OF HEARING
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

To: Interested Persons

From: Jenny Newman 
Unit Chief, TMDL 3

Date: July 20, 2012

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load for Algae, Eutrophic Conditions, and Nutrients in Ventura River, Including the Estuary, and its Tributaries.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to establish waste load and load allocations and an implementation plan to attain water quality objectives for algae, eutrophic conditions, and nutrients in Ventura River. Additional regulations or policies, consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and complementary to the proposal may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of discussions.

I. HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Basin Plan to incorporate the TMDL for Algae, Eutrophic Conditions, and Nutrients in Ventura River, Including the Estuary, and its Tributaries after hearing Regional Board staff's presentation and public comments. The Regional Board is expected to take formal action. The Regional Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date **October 4, 2012**
Time: **9 a.m.**
Place: **City of Simi Valley**
 Council Chambers
 2929 Tapo Canyon Road
 Simi Valley, CA

Please check the Regional Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing location as it is subject to change.

II. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Tentative Resolutions, proposed Basin Plan Amendments, and the Staff Reports are available on the Regional Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/tmdl/

These documents are also available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of documents in the Administrative Record may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Board at (213) 576-6600. Comments and responses to comments and other subsequent relevant documents will be available online as they are generated.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on the Tentative Resolution, proposed Basin Plan Amendment, and Staff Report, or submit evidence for the Regional Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible.

To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Board staff, included in the Regional Board's agenda binder, and fully considered by the Regional Board members in advance of the hearing, all written comments and evidence must be received by the Regional Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 4, 2012**. Untimely submittal of written comments will not be accepted or responded to. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the administrative record.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Send comments by e-mail to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – Ventura River Algae and Nutrients TMDL" Written comments submitted through email are requested to be transmitted in Microsoft Word format. Written comments sent by mail should be addressed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
ATTN: Jenny Newman
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments. Oral comments may be limited to 3 minutes each, at the discretion of the Chair, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. If necessary, time limitations on presentations may be imposed. Interested persons should contact Regional Board staff, as provided in Section V below, no later than 5:00 pm on September 27, 2012 to state how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), when considering approval of a regional board's adoption of a Basin Plan amendment, may refuse to accept any comments that were not timely raised before the regional board. Therefore, interested persons are strongly encouraged to make all comments on this proposed action to the Regional Board before or during the public hearing.

IV. FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS FROM STATE WATER BOARD

Any person desiring to receive future notices from the State Water Board regarding its approval process for the proposed amendments must sign up for the State Water Board's Lyris list at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

V. REGIONAL BOARD STAFF CONTACTS

For additional information regarding the TMDL for Algae, Eutrophic Conditions, and Nutrients in Ventura River, Including the Estuary, and its Tributaries, contact Jenny Newman at (213) 576-6691 or Rebecca Veiga Nascimento at (213) 576-6784.