

**Notice of Public Workshop  
And  
Notice of Opportunity to Comment  
On  
The Draft Water Quality Trading Framework for the Laguna de Santa Rosa  
Watershed, to be Approved by Resolution of the Regional Water Board  
Sonoma County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public workshop is scheduled during a regular meeting of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) to provide project background information and to receive oral comments on the Draft Water Quality Trading Framework for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed, to be Approved by Resolution of the Regional Water Board.

**Date:** June 29, 2017  
**Time:** 8:30 AM  
**Location:** Regional Water Board Hearing Room  
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, California

*Public Workshop Procedures:*

At the workshop, Regional Water Board staff will present an overview of historic and contextual information related to this item, and will explain the rationale for key elements of the administrative drafts of the Water Quality Trading Framework for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed (Draft Framework) and the associated Regional Water Board Resolution No. R1-2017-0027 (Draft Resolution), which approves the Draft Framework.

Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Regional Water Board at the workshop. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Chair. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff at least five (5) business days prior to the workshop to arrange for equipment setup. You must provide a printed or electronic copy of any visual aids. The Chair also requests that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

The final Regional Water Board meeting agenda will be available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_info/board\\_meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) at least ten (10) days before the workshop. The agenda will indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this workshop, and may include staff revisions.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a written public comment period is now open to solicit public comments on the administrative drafts of the Water Quality Trading Framework for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed (Draft Framework) and the associated Regional Water Board Resolution No. R1-2017-0027 (Draft Resolution), which approves the Draft Framework. The Draft Framework is a revised, expanded, and improved version of the existing *Santa Rosa Nutrient Offset Program*, which was approved by resolution of the Regional Water Board in 2008. Currently, the only dischargers authorized to offset phosphorus loads to the Laguna de Santa Rosa are the City of Santa Rosa and the Town of Windsor wastewater treatment facilities.

*Document Review and Public Comment Procedures:*

The Draft Framework, Draft Resolution, and related documents are available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/nutrient\\_offset\\_program/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/nutrient_offset_program/). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board office, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Written comments and supporting materials concerning this item, including photographs and technical reports, must be submitted by email to [northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov), or otherwise received at the Regional Water Board office no later than July 21, 2017. In the subject line for electronically submitted comments, please include: "Comment Letter – Laguna WQT Framework". Please direct all comments mailed or delivered to the Regional Water Board office to the attention of David Kuszmar. All written comments and supporting materials that are received by the above date will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and made available to the public. These documents will also become a permanent part of the administrative record. Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written comments received after the above date will not be accepted.

Regional Water Board staff will respond in writing to all substantive comments received by July 21, 2017 and will make its responses, along with any proposed revisions to the Draft Framework and Resolution, available to the public prior to a Regional Water Board adoption hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2017. The adoption hearing will be appropriately noticed at a later date.

Please direct questions regarding the above items to David Kuszmar at (707) 576-2693 or [David.Kuszmar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:David.Kuszmar@waterboards.ca.gov).

Matthias St. John, Executive Officer  
June 14, 2017