

State Water Resources Control Board

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All Parties and Interested Persons:

PETITION OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, HEAL THE BAY, AND LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER FOR REVIEW OF APPROVAL OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD ORDER R4-2012-0175: PROPOSED OWN MOTION ORDER
SWRCB/OCC FILE A-2386

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed own motion order regarding the above petition. The petition was determined to be complete on November 10, 2015. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) regulations generally require final disposition on petitions within 270 days of the date a petition is deemed complete.¹ If the State Water Board has not made a formal disposition within this time frame, the regulations deem the petition denied.² When the State Water Board anticipates addressing a petition on the merits after the review period passes, it may indicate that it will review the matter on its own motion.³

The State Water Board intends to act promptly to adopt a final order resolving the petitions, but anticipates that it will not be able to do so by August 6, 2016. The State Water Board accordingly proposes to take up this matter on its own motion.

¹ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (b).

² *Id.*

³ Wat. Code, § 13320, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (c).

The State Water Board will consider the proposed own motion order at its meeting on **Tuesday, July 19, 2016**, commencing at **9:00 a.m.** in the Coastal Hearing Room, second floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. At the meeting, interested persons will be allowed to comment orally on the proposed order. Following comment, the State Water Board may adopt the proposed order as written or with revisions, it may decide not to adopt the order, or it may continue consideration until a later meeting.

All comments shall be based solely upon evidence contained in the record or upon legal argument. Supplemental evidence will not be permitted except under the limited circumstances described in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050.6. Written comments on the proposed order and any other materials to be presented at the meeting, including power point and other visual displays, must be received by **12:00 noon, Monday, July 18, 2016**.

Please indicate in the subject line, "Comments to A-2386 – July 19 Board Item [Own Motion Order]." Written comments and presentations must be addressed to:

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If the State Water Board adopts the proposed own motion order, the petitioners may request that their petition be put into abeyance pending issuance of a State Water Board order on the merits.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ryan Mallory-Jones, Attorney, in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 341-5173 or at Ryan.Mallory-Jones@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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