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Announcing a Public Workshop
to discuss plans to eliminate water quality problems due to
Mercury in Walker Creek
and a **Scoping Meeting** on proposed amendments to the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan)

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board), will hold a public workshop presenting findings related to pollution of Walker Creek due to the presence of mercury in the watershed, and proposed measures to eliminate or reduce mercury in the watershed to levels that are safe for humans, aquatic life, and wildlife. In the coming months the Water Board will propose amendments to the San Francisco Bay Basin Plan that will:

1. Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for mercury in Walker Creek
2. Establish an implementation plan to achieve and support the TMDL, including targets and allocations
3. Revise portions of Chapter 3 (Water Quality Objectives) of the Basin Plan

Immediately following the workshop, Water Board Staff will open a Scoping Meeting, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq., CEQA), on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and other environmental documents. At this meeting, staff will discuss and take comments from the public on the scope and content of the project pursuant to the Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning under CEQA Guidelines (see Title 14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §15251[g]).

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2006
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: Tomales Town Hall
2nd St. and Shoreline Hwy.
Tomales, CA 94971

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