

Specific information regarding this solicitation and the ensuing section 303(d) Listing/Delisting process:

1. The Regional Water Boards will utilize the existing statewide policy, "Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act section 303(d) List" (Listing Policy) to guide the solicitation, review, and assessment of supporting data and information and to decide which candidate water bodies are to be placed on or removed from the section 303(d) List. All readily available data and information submitted pursuant to this solicitation will be reviewed and assessed using the Listing Policy. Requirements for data and information specified in the Listing Policy — including those for quality control and assurance, temporal and spatial characteristics, and minimum sample sizes — will be followed when reviewing all data and information. The Listing Policy may be viewed at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/303d_listing.html.
2. Any person including, but not limited to, private citizens, public agencies, local, State, and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses possessing information regarding the quality of the State's waters, may contribute data and information pursuant to this solicitation. Data submitted may be in electronic format (see 6. and 7. below), narrative form (see 8. below) or photographic form (see 9. below).
3. All new available data and information will be considered. The following data need not be submitted to the Regional Water Boards for consideration:
 - a. Data submitted as part of the 2006 section 303(d) List update;
 - b. Data that are already in the Regional Water Boards' files (e.g., data submitted as part of a discharger's monitoring and reporting program). Note that data from State and federal agencies (e.g., the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, etc.) also need not be submitted, as the Regional Water Boards will be soliciting data from these agencies directly.
4. All new data and information must be received by the respective Regional Water Board (see Enclosures 1 and 2) by the close of business on February 28, 2007. Please note that any information received after February 28, 2007 will not be used for the 2008 section 303(d) List or for compiling the section 305(b) Report, but will be considered in developing the 2010 section 303(d) List and section 305(b) Report.
5. Any interested person may request reassessment of a water body on the existing section 303(d) List. The interested person must:
 - a. Describe the reason(s) the listing is inappropriate and clearly state the reason the interested party would come to a different outcome, and
 - b. Provide the data and information necessary to enable the Regional Water Board to conduct a complete reassessment.
6. Information (see 10. and 12. below) submitted should include the following
 - a. The name of the person or organization providing the information;
 - b. The name of the person certifying the completeness and accuracy of the data and information and a statement describing the standard's exceedances;
 - c. Mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address of a contact responsible for answering questions about the information submitted;
 - d. Identification of any specific software used to format the information and definitions for any codes or abbreviations used, if applicable;
 - e. Bibliographic citations for all published information provided;

- f. If computer model outputs are included in the information, provide bibliographic citations and specify any calibration and quality assurance information available for the model(s) used; and
- g. The name and exact area of the water body the information concerns, including:
 - i. Geographical Information System (GIS) data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
 - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark sample location on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
 - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
 - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.

7. Data (see 11. and 12. below) submitted should contain the following:

- a. To the extent feasible, all data submitted must be submitted in electronic form, i.e., in spreadsheet, database, or ASCII formats;
- b. A hard-copy of all data submitted should also be provided;
- c. References to Web sites will not be accepted *in lieu* of the actual data;
- d. Metadata for the field and lab data, i.e., when measurements were taken (date and time), locations (unique site code, latitude and longitude, and water body name), number of samples, analytes, units of measurement, methods, detection limits, and other relevant factors;
- e. The name and exact area of the water body the information concerns, including:
 - i. GIS data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
 - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark sample locations on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
 - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
 - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
- f. A copy of the quality assurance procedures including a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). A QAPP or equivalent document must be available and contain, at a minimum, the following:
 - i. Objectives of the study, project, or monitoring program;
 - ii. Methods used for sample collection and handling;
 - iii. Field and laboratory measurement and analysis;
 - iv. Data management, validation, and recordkeeping (including proper chain of custody) procedures;
 - v. Quality assurance and quality control requirements;
 - vi. A statement certifying the adequacy of the QAPP (plus name of person certifying the document); and
 - vii. A description of personnel training.
- g. A site-specific or project-specific sampling and analysis plan for numeric data should also be available containing the following:
 - Data quality objectives or requirements of the project;
 - A statement that data quality objectives or requirements were achieved;

- iii. Rationale for the selection of sampling sites, water quality parameters, sampling frequency and methods that assure the samples are spatially and temporally representative of the surface water and representative of conditions within the targeted sampling timeframe; and
 - iv. Documentation to support the conclusion that results are reproducible.
- h. Data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts require the name of the group and indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of the group. Data submitted by citizen monitoring groups should meet the data quality assurance procedures as detailed in the Listing Policy - section 6.1.4 and as shown above (7.g.).
8. For narrative and qualitative submittals, the submission must:
- a. Describe events or conditions that indicate impacts on water quality;
 - b. Provide linkage between the measurement endpoint (e.g., a study that may have been performed for some other purpose) and the water quality standard of interest;
 - c. Be scientifically defensible;
 - d. Provide analyst's credentials and training;
 - e. Be verifiable by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board; and
 - f. Identify the name and exact area of the water body the narrative or qualitative information concerns, including:
 - i. GIS data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
 - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark sampling locations on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
 - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
 - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
9. For photographic documentation, the submission must:
- a. Identify the date and time;
 - b. Identify the name and exact area of the water body the narrative or qualitative information concerns, including:
 - i. GIS data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
 - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark photographic locations on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
 - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
 - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
 - c. Provide a thorough description of photograph(s);
 - d. Describe the spatial and temporal representation of the photographs;
 - e. Provide linkage between photograph-represented condition and condition that indicates impacts on water quality;
 - f. Provide photographer's rationale for area photographed and camera settings used; and
 - g. Be verifiable by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board.
10. For purposes of this solicitation, "information" includes any documentation that a water body is or is not meeting, or is or is not likely to meet, existing water quality standards (i.e., beneficial uses of water, water quality objectives/criteria, and the State's non-degradation policy as listed

in the State's Water Quality Control Plans [Basin Plans], statewide water quality control plans [e.g., the California Ocean Plan], the California Code of Regulations, and pertinent federal laws and regulations).

11. "Data" are considered to be numeric information (i.e., measurements of specific physical, chemical, or biological characteristics in aquatic environments).
12. Data and information provided may pertain to individual water body segments, entire water bodies, or whole watersheds.
13. The section 303(d) List and the section 305(b) Report update efforts are not designed, intended, or able to change existing water quality standards. Persons interested in recommending changes to existing water quality standards should contact the respective Regional Water Board.
14. Please send all data and information to the respective Regional Water Board office. **Submittals should be addressed to the attention of the Regional Water Board contact listed in Enclosure 1.**