



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Consider Adoption of a Total Maximum Daily Load for Nitrate in the Los Berros Creek Subwatershed, San Luis Obispo County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider approval of a resolution to adopt a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrate in the Los Berros Creek Subwatershed (Resolution R3-2012-0018).

The purpose of the TMDL is to protect waters within the Los Berros Creek subwatershed from water quality degradation due to elevated levels of nitrate. The resolution proposes numeric targets to protect beneficial uses, assigns allocations to achieve the numeric targets, and outlines an implementation and monitoring plan to gauge the success of achieving the TMDL. Components of the TMDLs are written in the Project Report.

The draft documents include the Staff Report, Resolution, and Project Report and are available on the Regional Board's Internet site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/los_berros/index.shtml

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, May 3, 2012**, at 8:30 AM in San Luis Obispo, California at the:

Central Coast Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Interested persons may attend and orally comment at the hearing to consider the proposed resolution to adopt a TMDL for nitrate in the Los Berros Creek Subwatershed. Oral comments should be brief (less than 3 minutes) to allow all interested persons time to be heard and should summarize written comments that have been submitted. The Central Coast Water Board may consider this item at any time during the meeting.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed resolution to adopt a TMDL for nitrate in the Los Berros Creek Subwatershed must submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board at its office in San Luis Obispo no later than **April 2, 2012**. Late comments will not be accepted into the record unless approved by the Chair.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones** at **805-549-3372** at least five

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working days before the event. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact **Pete Osmolovsky at (805) 549-3699** or (paosmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov), or Chris Rose at (805) 542-4770.