
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 21, 2014

Notice of Public Meeting
Regarding
**Development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for
Nutrients and Algal Toxins in the Pinto Lake Watershed**

Notice of Public Meeting

The California Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) is contacting you to invite you to discuss the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nutrients and algal toxins for the Pinto Lake Watershed located in Santa Cruz County. A TMDL is a requirement of the federal Clean Water Act and applies to waterbodies that fail to meet water quality standards. Preliminary investigations indicate that algal toxin impairment of Pinto Lake is largely the result of controllable conditions, including internal lake sediment nutrient loads, and external nutrients loads discharging to the lake from local land use practices.

Time and Location of Meeting:

Date: July 22, 2014 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location:

Watsonville Public Library (Meeting Room on 2nd floor of library)

275 Main Street, Ste. 100

Watsonville, CA 95076

Library phone number is (831) 768-3400

(There is a parking garage next to the library and parking for the first two hours is free. If you remain in the library for more than two hours, you must purchase a \$5.00 all day parking permit. We will endeavor to keep the meeting under two hours so meeting participants do not have pay any parking fees as the library is unable to waive parking fees.)

Purpose of Meeting

Public outreach is a part of the TMDL development process. Leveraging knowledge about the Pinto Lake Watershed from local residents, resource professionals, public agency staff, land owners, and land operators, is very helpful to the Water Board. This workshop will provide participants with: (1) background on the Water Board's mandates under the federal Clean Water Act and the state Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; (2) background on the water quality impairments of Pinto Lake; (3) an opportunity for you to provide comment and input on the scope and nature of the water quality problem and on the scope of the proposed TMDLs.

Who Should Attend

All interested parties, including land owners and land operators from the Pinto Lake Watershed; individuals representing agricultural interests; local residents, representatives of environmental groups; representatives of public agencies, and other individuals interested in water quality in the Pinto Lake Watershed.

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For More Information

For more background information, please see the attached Fact Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact the lead staff for the project, Pete Osmolovsky at pete.osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov or at (805) 549-3699. Also, individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Pete at the aforementioned phone number or email address at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Attachment (1):

TMDL Fact Sheet