
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice Date: January 15, 2016

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

to amend the

Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will consider an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) during a public hearing on April 13, 2016. Specifically, the Water Board will consider:

**Establishing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Implementation Plan
for Bacteria at Impaired San Francisco Bay Beaches**

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations. The public hearing information is as follows:

DATE: April 13, 2016
TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
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MATERIALS: The proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report, including the draft environmental document, will be available online beginning January 15, 2016 at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/SFbaybeachesbacteria.shtml

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: The 45-day public comment period for the proposed amendment begins on January 15, 2016. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016. Please send all written comments on the proposed amendment to

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the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the hearing need not be submitted in advance.

Prior to the hearing, Water Board staff will post on the above website any proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and/or accompanying staff report, along with written responses to all comments received during the public comment period. Any changes in the date of the hearing, the availability of responses to comments or any other updates will be noticed on the above website.

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed amendment at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received. Alternatively, in response to written comments and testimony received, the Water Board may recommend that staff make changes to the proposed amendment to be presented for its consideration at a subsequent hearing.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearing; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearing, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about_us/directions.shtml. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Angela Tsao, (510) 622-2399, Angela.Tsao@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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