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San Francisco Bay Region



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**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
AND
A CHANGE OF HEARING DATE**

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) is extending the comment period from **January 16, 2008** until **January 22, 2008** on the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan), to ensure that the public has a full 45 days to comment. The Basin Plan amendment will be considered for adoption during a public hearing on February 13, 2008. Specifically, the Water Board will consider:

**Establishing a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for
POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBS)
IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY
and an implementation plan to achieve the TMDL**

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 Water Board will hold the public hearing on the proposed Basin Plan amendment:

DATES: **February 13, 2008**

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

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MATERIALS: The proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report are available online at:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/TMDL/sfbaypcbstdml.htm>

Paper copies are also be available from:

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The public comment period for the proposed amendment now expires at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. All written comments on the proposed amendment are due by this date to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the February hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the February hearing need not be submitted in advance.

The scope of written comments and oral public testimony at this hearing will be limited to comments on:

- Changes (shown in underline and strike-through notations) made by Water Board staff to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and Staff Report previously released for public review, on June 22, 2007.
- Economic issues and factors as they may relate to the proposed amendment (Note: During the first public hearing the Board requested that interested persons submit additional comments on the economic issues and factors that they believe should be considered by the Board in connection with the proposed amendment. The Board has already received materials on the subject from an interested party. All interested persons are being provided with an opportunity to address economic issues and factors during the comment period and at the hearing.)

The Board will consider all written materials submitted during the comment period and oral testimony at the hearing that are consistent with the deadlines and the limits on the scope of comments and testimony noted above. At the conclusion of the staff presentation and public testimony, having considered all of those materials and testimony, together with staff's responses, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment. The Board may adopt the amendment with changes to the proposed amendment that the Board deems consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and that are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

Directions and special arrangements

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm>. The hearing venue is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations should contact Mary Tryon, 510.622.2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five business 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.