

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLS) FOR NITROGEN COMPOUNDS AND ORTHOPHOSPHATE IN STREAMS OF THE PAJARO RIVER BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) that would establish TMDLs for nitrogen compounds and orthophosphate in streams of the Pajaro River basin. The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on July 30, 2015 (Resolution No. R3-2015-0004), and is available for review at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/pajaro/nutrients/index.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting TMDL lead staff Peter Osmolovsky at (805) 549-3699 or pete.osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving this Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml and check the box for "Pajaro Watershed Nutrient/Pesticide TMDL. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the Central Coast Water Board TMDL lead staff contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in this Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on February 22, 2016**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—Pajaro Nutrient TMDL**"

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS. Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f), comments submitted to the State Water Board must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Central Coast Water Board.
2. If the Central Coast Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Central Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Central Coast Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Central Coast Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to TMDL lead staff Peter Osmolovsky at the Central Coast Water Board, at (805) 549-3699 or pete.osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov; or Jessica Jahr, staff counsel at (916) 341-5168 or jessica.jahr@waterboards.ca.gov.

January 21, 2016
Date



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Clerk to the Board