

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) IN THE LOWER SANTA MARIA RIVER WATERSHED AND TRIBUTARIES TO OSO FLACO LAKE FOR NITROGEN COMPOUNDS AND ORTHOPHOSPHATE

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 that would establish TMDLs in the lower Santa Maria River watershed and tributaries to Oso Flaco Lake for nitrogen compounds and orthophosphate (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on May 30, 2013 (Resolution No. R3-2013-0013), and is available for review at:

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

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Larry Harlan at (805) 594-6195.

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 (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Central Coast Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to the State Water Board's email subscription service at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. On this webpage check the box for the "Board Meetings" topic category, provide your email address and name, then click on the "subscribe" button.

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Central Coast Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on October 14, 2013**. 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 at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, “**Comment Letter—Santa Maria Nutrient TMDLs**”


REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)).
The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not 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 Larry Harlan, Environmental Scientist at Central Coast Water Board, at (805) 594-6195 or lharlan@waterboards.ca.gov; or Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5168 or jessica.jahr@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 3, 2013

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board