



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF CALIFORNIA'S 2020-2022 CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST, and

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED FINAL DOCUMENTS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting will be held to consider adopting the California Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list ("303(d) list") portion of the 2020-2022 California Integrated Report.

The public meeting will be held as follows:

Tuesday to Wednesday, January 18-19, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Video and Teleconference Only

No Physical Meeting Location

(As authorized by Government Code section 11133)

Video Broadcast: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/

Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution will be available at least 10 days before the meeting at the Remote Meeting Page (https://waterboards.ca.gov/board info/remote meeting/). This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place via video and teleconference only, but the format may be changed in the future to also allow for in-person attendance. Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting should sign up for the e-mail list, as described below.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed 303(d) list for the 2020-2022 California Integrated Report, the Proposed Final Staff Report, and the Summary of Comments and Responses will be posted on the State Water Board's website on or before December 17, 2021 at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/water quality assessment/

You may request a paper copy of the above documents by contacting Keara Tuso at keara.tuso@waterboards.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to identify waters of the United States that do not meet, or are not expected to meet by the next listing cycle, applicable water quality standards and to prioritize those waters for total maximum daily

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load development, unless other corrective action is appropriate. Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to report on the overall condition of its surface waterbodies (commonly referred to as the "305(b) report"). California combines its 303(d) lists and 305(b) reports into a single "California Integrated Report."

The State Water Board is administering the listing process for all waters assessed during the 2020-2022 listing cycle, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List ("Listing Policy"). At the January 18-19, 2022 public meeting, the State Water Board will consider approving the proposed statewide 303(d) list portion of the 2020-2022 Integrated Report for adoption. Upon adoption, the California Integrated Report will be submitted to U.S. EPA, which may make changes to the 303(d) list before it approves the final 303(d) list for California. Neither agency takes formal approval action on the 305(b) report, which is an informational document that characterizes the state's general water quality conditions. Generally, the State Water Board does not solicit comments or respond to comments pertaining to the 305(b) portion of the California Integrated Report.

For the 2020-2022 California Integrated Report, the Central Coast, Central Valley, and San Diego Regional Water Boards are "on cycle." The Regional Water Board for the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board also conducted "off-cycle" assessments for several waterbodies. All readily available data and information received during the data solicitation period from surface waterbodies (rivers, streams, lakes, bays, estuaries, enclosed lagoons, and coastal waters) in the Central Coast, Central Valley, and San Diego regions were considered, as well as high priority data from the Colorado River Basin Region. The data cutoff date for the 2020-2022 listing cycle was June 14, 2019. Data that met mapping and quality assurance requirements of the Listing Policy were analyzed using a weight of evidence approach to determine if water quality standards are attained in a waterbody. The 2020-2022 Integrated Report updates the 2018 Integrated Report.

Based on assessments of these data, approximately 1,078 new listings and 223 delistings of impaired waterbody-pollutant combinations are recommended for the 303(d) List. An individual waterbody may be impaired by one or more pollutants.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION & PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public meeting is expected to be held remotely via an online platform. During this meeting, registered participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide oral comments.

For those who only wish to watch the meeting and not present oral comments, a live video and audio broadcasts of the public meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the <u>CalEPA Live Public Meeting Webcasts</u>.

There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral

presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board info/meetings/board presentations.shtml/.

If you require language interpretation or sign language services, please email a request to keara.tuso@waterboards.ca.gov as far in advance of the meeting as possible. Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS

The State Water Board intends to make the 2020-2022 California Integrated Report, Proposed Final Staff Report, and Summary of Comments and Responses available, and to hold the public meeting at the time and place noted above. Any change to the items noticed above will be noticed through the below-identified list serve e-mail distribution list, and on the State Water Board's webpage.

Any person desiring to receive future notices must subscribe to the list serve e-mail distribution list by accessing the following e-mail list subscription form:

For the 2020-2022 California Integrated Report, select the box for "Integrated Report – 303(d)/305(b)" (located within the section entitled 'Water Quality'), and providing the required information. The subscription form is located at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions regarding this notice, the proposed 2020-2022 California Integrated Report, the Proposed Final Staff Report, or the Summary of Comments and Responses to Ana Maria Saenz, Senior Environmental Scientist at (916) 341-5480 or anamaria.saenz@waterboards.ca.gov or Keara Tuso, Environmental Scientist at keara.tuso@waterboards.ca.gov.

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