



State Water Resources Control Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY DATA AND INFORMATION FOR THE 2028 CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED REPORT FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS 303(d) AND 305(b)

Data and information submissions must be received by the State Water Board no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on October 23, 2024.

The State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (“Regional Water Boards”) (collectively the “Water Boards”) hereby solicits surface water quality data and information and commences the statewide data solicitation period for the 2028 California Integrated Report (“2028 Integrated Report”). Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who may be interested in this matter.

The 2028 Integrated Report satisfies two of the state’s reporting requirements under the Clean Water Act (“CWA”). One is the CWA section 303(d) requirement to identify impaired waterbodies that are not meeting or not expected to meet water quality standards (commonly called the “303(d) list of impaired waters” or the “303(d) list”). The 303(d) list is used to identify that a total maximum daily load or other regulatory control action is needed to address an impairment and restore water quality standards. The other is the CWA section 305(b) requirement to report on water quality conditions (commonly called the “305(b) report”).

The State Water Board is soliciting data and information to inform the compilation of the 2028 Integrated Report. To be considered for the 303(d) list assessment purposes, data and information submissions must include minimum data elements and be received by no later than **12:00 p.m. noon on October 23, 2024**. Minimum data elements and instructions for submitting data and information are detailed on the [State Water Boards Surface Water Quality Assessment Program’s webpage](https://bit.ly/Data-Submission) (<https://bit.ly/Data-Submission>).

While the deadline to submit the data and information to be considered for the 2028 Integrated Report is fixed, it is advisable to reach out to WQAssessment@waterboards.ca.gov at any time to confirm whether data and/or information were successfully submitted to the State Water Board or with any other related questions.

The 303(d) list is prepared in accordance with the [Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) List](#) ("Listing Policy") (<https://bit.ly/2015-Listing-Policy>).

[Section 6.1.1 of the Listing Policy](#) defines readily available data and information as data and information that can be submitted to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network ("[CEDEN](#)") (<https://ceden.org/>) or its successor database, by the data solicitation cut-off date. If CEDEN is unable to accept a particular subset of data and information, the Water Boards will accept that data and information via the [Integrated Report Upload Portal](#) if it meets the formatting and quality assurance requirements detailed in section 6.1.4 of the Listing Policy.

Readily available data and information submitted during the data solicitation period will be assembled (e.g., gathered and organized), evaluated to consider if those data and information meets Listing Policy data quality (and other) requirements, and if appropriate, assessed to determine surface water quality conditions and to identify impaired waters. Data are evaluated for quality. Data that are not accompanied by a Quality Assurance Program Plan ("QAPP") will not be assessed in the 2028 Integrated Report unless otherwise exempt as stated in the Listing Policy. See section 6.1.4 of the Listing Policy for the major monitoring programs that are identified as exempt from the requirement to submit a QAPP.

The State Water Board administers the development of the California Integrated Report so that each integrated report consists primarily of assessments from three Regional Water Boards that are characterized as being "on-cycle." The State Water Board is administering the 303(d) listing process for the following on-cycle Regional Water Boards and specifically requests the submission of all readily available data and information for the following waterbodies:

- Waterbodies in the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board region
- Waterbodies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and the Tulare Lake Basin of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board region
- Waterbodies in the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board region

The State Water Board also encourages continuous submittal of data and information for any surface waterbody in California because the State Water Board may conduct listing or delisting assessments using data and information at its discretion. That is, the listing process may be administered for waterbodies in regions that are "off-cycle" (in addition to those identified above) at the State Water Board's discretion. If data and information submitted during the 2028 data solicitation period for a waterbody that is considered "off-cycle" is not used in the 2028 Integrated Report, that data and information will be evaluated no later than the next time that waterbody's Regional Water Board is "on-cycle".

The contact information, map, and link to more information for each Regional Water Board's assessment programs is available here: [California Integrated Report – Regional Assessments](#) (<https://bit.ly/regional-contact-information>).

Information about the Integrated Report Program is available on the [Surface Water Quality Assessment Program's webpage](https://bit.ly/WQ_Assessment) (https://bit.ly/WQ_Assessment).

Information on how to submit data and information is detailed on the [Submitting Data and Information for the Integrated Report webpage](https://bit.ly/Data-Submission) (https://bit.ly/Data-Submission).

Questions regarding data or information submittals, or about other information included in this notice, should be directed to WQAssessment@waterboards.ca.gov.