



## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Dr. LB Nye  
Regional Programs Section Manager  
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**DATE:** December 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023-2025 TRIENNIAL REVIEW**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) is currently revising the Response to Comments. The scheduled hearing of the 2023-2025 Triennial Review is now postponed from December 21, 2023 to **February 22, 2024.**

### I. BACKGROUND

Both State and federal laws mandate a periodic review, and if necessary, an update of the Basin Plans. Federal law (CWA section 303(c)(1)) requires that a State's water quality standards be reviewed every three years – a process known as a triennial review. The primary purpose of a triennial review is to review water quality standards and take public comment on issues the Los Angeles Water Board should address through the Basin Plan amendment process. The triennial review process may or may not result in amendments to the Basin Plan over the course of the 3-year review cycle. The decision on whether or not to proceed with a proposed Basin Plan amendment is only made after the Los Angeles Water Board reviews the technical and legal considerations associated with an issue and determines that development of a Basin Plan amendment is supported by evidence and appropriate.

The triennial review occurs in three phases. During the first phase, the Los Angeles Water Board reviews water quality standards and identifies issues for possible Basin Plan amendments. In the second phase, the Los Angeles Water Board prioritizes the standards-related issues that will be further researched and addressed through subsequent Basin Plan amendments. Finally, during the third phase, the Los Angeles Water Board develops projects addressing these issues and adopts any resulting changes to the Basin Plan as individual Basin Plan amendments over the course of the three-year review period. Public input is a key component of each phase. Stakeholder input is solicited on issues of concern, on prioritization, and during the development of each individual Basin Plan amendment.

Following the end of the 2020-2022 Triennial Review cycle, on December 28, 2022, the Los Angeles Water Board sent out a solicitation letter to interested persons and entities inviting them to submit data, information, documents and other evidence regarding suggested revisions or additions to water quality standards applicable to waters in the Los Angeles Region that could be addressed during the 2023–2025 Triennial Review. The comment submission deadline was February 6, 2023. The Los Angeles Water Board received nine comment letters representing

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USEPA and various categories of stakeholders. The notification/solicitation and identification of priority projects constitute phase I of this triennial review period.

Phase II of the triennial review will conclude after a public comment period and public hearing scheduled for November 16, 2023 at which the Los Angeles Water Board will consider adoption of a resolution identifying the basin planning projects to be prioritized and further considered during the remaining of these three-year period.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND ACCESSIBILITY

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) will hold a public hearing on the 2023-2025 Triennial Review to consider and approve a list of the highest priority issues regarding water quality standards for the Los Angeles Region, to be addressed during the 2023-2025 review period. The Public Hearing will be held on:

**February 22, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. Location:**

**TBD**

Please check the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> for the public hearing location and the most up-to-date public hearing date as they are subject to change. If there is not a quorum on the scheduled date of the public hearing, all items will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting. A continuance of the hearing will not automatically extend any deadlines set forth in this notice. Individuals requiring special accommodations or language needs are requested to contact Dr. Stefani Daryanto at 213-576-6763 or [Stefani.Daryanto@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stefani.Daryanto@Waterboards.ca.gov) at least ten working days prior to the meeting.

## III. SCOPE OF HEARING

Interested persons may present relevant written and oral comments and evidence on the proposed list of selected projects. Please be advised that comments or evidence concerning the appropriateness of any previously adopted Basin Plan amendments are not relevant to this action and will not be accepted or responded to. Comments shall be limited to the 2023-2025 Triennial Review.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

The Staff Report and tentative Board Resolution are available on the website of the Los Angeles Water Board at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/)

The Board will take formal action to approve a list of selected projects to address during the current review period. Any person may present relevant statements or arguments. Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments electronically to [rb4-basinplanLA@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rb4-basinplanLA@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line "2023-2025 Triennial Review" with a copy to [Stefani.Daryanto@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stefani.Daryanto@waterboards.ca.gov). **Written comments must be received by the Los Angeles Water Board staff no later than 12:00 p.m. on October 9, 2023.**

Where electronic submittal is not feasible, comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region  
320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200

Los Angeles, California 90013

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Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 649.4).

Interested persons are also invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments to the Los Angeles Water Board. To the extent possible, oral presentations should summarize any submitted written comments and evidence. An agenda for the November 16, 2023 Board meeting will be published 10 days prior to the Board meeting on the Los Angeles Water Board's [website](#). This agenda will include directions for submitting PowerPoint presentations or visual aids for the meeting, information on time limits for speakers and directions on how to request a greater length of time to speak. Typically, if a person intends to use a PowerPoint presentation or other visual aids, they must be received by the Los Angeles Water Board's IT Department at least 48 hours prior to the meeting and will not be accepted after that time. Oral comments are generally limited to 3 minutes each, but time limitations may be adjusted, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Interested persons seeking more than the established time limit to present oral comments at the hearing must contact the Los Angeles Water Board staff contact identified below at least 5 working days prior to the Board meeting to request additional time.

## **V. FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS**

Any person wishing to receive future notices from the Los Angeles Water Board regarding the proposed amendment must sign up for the Los Angeles Water Board's email subscription list at: [Email Subscriptions | California State Water Resources Control Board](#). Select "RB4 – Los Angeles Region" and then the "Basin Planning" Subscription Topic.

## **VI. LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD STAFF CONTACTS**

For additional information regarding this proposed action, please contact Dr. Stefani Daryanto at [Stefani.Daryanto@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stefani.Daryanto@Waterboards.ca.gov) or 213-576-6763.