
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF NON-REGULATORY AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVELY UPDATE THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) THROUGH UPDATING CHAPTER 2 “BENEFICIAL USES” AND ADDING CHAPTER 7 “TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)”

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board’s (Los Angeles Water Board) non-regulatory amendments that would administratively update the Basin Plan. The amendments include:

- (1) An administrative update to Chapter 2 “Beneficial Uses” which incorporates previously adopted language, updated maps, and corresponding beneficial use tables. This amendment to administratively update Chapter 2 “Beneficial Uses” was adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on November 10, 2011. (Resolution R11-011)
- (2) The addition of Chapter 7 “Total Maximum Daily Loads,” which incorporates previously adopted TMDLs. This amendment to administratively update the Basin Plan by adding Chapter 7 “Total Maximum Daily Loads” was adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on December 8, 2011. (Resolution R11-013)

Both of these amendments are available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/wqs_list.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendments can also be received by mail by contacting Ms. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6789 or trodgers@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 one resolution approving both Basin Plan amendments. 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 Los Angeles Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments **must subscribe** to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/req4_subscribe.shtml (select “Basin Planning – Regional Basin Plan Amendments” list). The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Los Angeles Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendments are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on July 12, 2012.** 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:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Please also indicate in the subject line, **“Comment Letter – Administrative Update to Chapters 2 and 7 of the Basin Plan for the Los Angeles Region.”**

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 amendments adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board.
2. If the Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Los Angeles Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Dr. Ginachi Amah at Los Angeles Water Board, at (213) 576-6685 or gamah@waterboards.ca.gov, or Ms. Jennifer Fordyce, Staff Counsel, at (916) 324-6682 or jfordyce@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date June 8, 2012



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board