

State Water Resources Control Board

FOURTH REVISED NOTICE

COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED AND REMINDER OF FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DAY

NOTICE OF FILING AND RECIRCULATION, NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY AND SUPPORTING DRAFT REVISED SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the proposed updates (Plan Amendment) to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) and the recirculated draft revised Substitute Environmental Document (SED) in accordance with this notice. The proposed updates include new and revised San Joaquin River flow objectives for the protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses, a revised salinity water quality objective for the protection of southern Delta agricultural beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for those objectives. The State Water Board is proposing to update the Bay-Delta Plan in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The State Water Board initially provided this notice on September 15, 2016, and revised the notice on October 7, October 18, and December 9, 2016. The notice, as revised, remains in effect except for the change in the comment deadline and the change to the room location for the January 3, 2017 hearing, as noted below.

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

The time to submit written comments on the proposed Plan Amendment and SED has been extended until 12:00 noon on March 17, 2017. Procedures for submitting written comments are described below.

REMINDER OF PUBLIC HEARING DAY

As stated in the third revised notice, dated December 9, 2016, the public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Plan Amendment and the SED began on November 29, 2016 and continued on December 16, 19, and 20, 2016. The public hearing will conclude at:

January 3, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast available at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

For information regarding project background; hearing procedural matters; future notifications; building parking, accessibility, and security; and additional information, please see the third revised notice at the following link:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/2016_sed/docs/third_revised_notice_baydeltaplan_phase%201.pdf

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed Plan Amendment and the SED. Written comments must be **received no later than 12:00 noon on March 17, 2017**, and addressed and submitted to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED.”** You may also submit your comments by fax at (916) 341-5620. Electronic submission is preferred, but not required.

Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

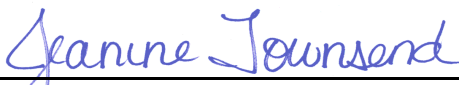
CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Katheryn Landau at (916) 341-5588 or by email at Katheryn.Landau@waterboards.ca.gov, or to Timothy Nelson at (916) 445-5987 or by email at Timothy.Nelson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Additional information on the public hearing can be found at the State Water Board’s website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

December 22, 2016

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board