

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Notice Of Opportunity For Participation Regarding A Proposed Amendment To The Water Quality Control Plan For The Central Coastal Basin To Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads For Organophosphate Pesticides And Toxicity In The Lower Salinas River Watershed, Monterey County, California

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) invites you to participate in the development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for organophosphate pesticides and toxicity in the lower Salinas River watershed ([TMDL Project](#)).¹

This TMDL Project includes a plan to improve the water quality conditions of streams within the lower Salinas River watershed and may require an action by the Central Coast Water Board to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin. Streams within the lower Salinas River watershed do not meet water quality objectives for organophosphate pesticides and toxicity, therefore this TMDL Project is necessary.

The Central Coast Water Board is the agency responsible for developing TMDLs and programs of implementation for waterbodies identified as not meeting water quality objectives pursuant to Clean Water Act section 303(d) and in accordance with the California Water Code section 13242.

The Central Coast Water Board invites you to provide input and participate in the development of this TMDL Project. Your participation could include, but is not limited to:

- Providing written or oral feedback on draft language, especially on potential water quality impacts.
- Meeting with Central Coast Water Board staff, at a location of your choosing, to hear and discuss your feedback.
- Circulating our public outreach materials to other interested persons (e.g., tribal members, tribal organizations, and non-tribal individuals or organizations in your network).

¹ TMDL Project website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/salinas/oppesticides/

- Helping create public outreach materials to encourage participation from affected communities within the project area.
- Attending upcoming public workshops to provide feedback.
- Assisting or co-facilitating any upcoming workshops.
- Encouraging participation at the upcoming workshops.

This opportunity to participate is pursuant to California Water Code section 189.7 and 13149.2. California Water Code section 189.7 requires the Water Boards to conduct equitable, culturally relevant outreach when considering proposed discharges of waste that may have disproportionate impacts on water quality in disadvantaged communities or tribal communities. Furthermore, California Water Code section 13149.2 requires the Water Boards to make findings on:

- 1) anticipated water quality impacts in disadvantaged communities or tribal communities because of a permitted activity;
- 2) any environmental justice concerns within a Water Board's authority that are raised by interested persons regarding those water quality impacts; and
- 3) available measures within the Water Board's authority to address those water quality impacts.

To receive future project announcements, including opportunities for public participation, please subscribe to the electronic e-mail distribution lists using this subscription form,² provide the required information, and select the box for "Salinas River Pesticide - TMDL".

Please respond to this notice within 30 days and indicate that you would like to participate. Please address written responses to:

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Attn: Larry Harlan [Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov]

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Larry Harlan at (805) 594-6195 or [Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov]. The Central Coast Water Board looks forward to hearing from and working with you.

² e-mail subscription form website:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=central_coast

Project Area Map

