
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

January 28, 2013

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO ADOPT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR TOXICITY AND PESTICIDES IN THE SANTA MARIA WATERSHED IN SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, AND VENTURA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) will accept comments on a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin* that would establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for toxicity and pesticides in the Santa Maria watershed in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties, California.

The Basin Plan amendment documents are available by mail or at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/santa_maria/pesticide/index.shtml

NOTICE OF CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD MEETING. The Central Coast Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving this proposed Basin Plan amendment.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically or by mail to Peter Meertens at the Central Coast Water Board. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on March 29, 2013.** Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the Central Coast Water Board's Chair or the Executive Officer. Please indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—Santa Maria Pesticide TMDL.**"

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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact **Peter Meertens at (805) 549-3869** or pmeertens@waterboards.ca.gov, or Chris Rose, TMDL program manager at (805) 542-4770 or CJRose@waterboards.ca.gov



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF FILING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

TO: Any Interested Person

FROM: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

DATE: October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Notice of Filing Submitted Under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 3779

PROPONENT: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region

TITLE: Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin

LOCATION: Central Coast Region

DESCRIPTION: Proposed Approval of a Basin Plan Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) to Adopt Total Maximum Daily Loads for Toxicity And Pesticides in the Santa Maria Watershed in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, California.

This notice is to advise interested parties that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will consider adoption of an amendment to the Basin Plan for Total Maximum Daily Loads for toxicity and pesticides in the Santa Maria Watershed 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 under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and other applicable laws and regulations.

The Basin Plan amendment documents are available by mail or at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/santa_maria/pesticide/index.shtml

The Central Coast Water Board will accept written comments on the CEQA Analysis and Checklist of the Basin Plan amendment. Written comments must be received by the Central Coast Water Board by email or at the address below by 5:00 p.m. November 29, 2013; comments received after that deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the Central Coast Water Board Chair. Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter—Santa Maria Pesticide TMDL - CEQA."

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A public hearing for the receipt of oral comments is scheduled for January 30-31, 2014, at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, California. The Central Coast Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving this proposed Basin Plan amendment.

Harvey Packard
Section Manager/Aquatic Habitat

October 15, 2013
Date

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

To Consider Adoption of Resolution No. R3-2014-0009 Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Adopt Total Maximum Daily Loads for Toxicity And Pesticides in the Santa Maria Watershed River in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Coast Basin. The Basin Plan establishes measures to protect beneficial uses of waters of the state and achieve water quality objectives.

If adopted, the resolution will amend the Basin Plan by incorporating Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for toxicity and pesticides in the Santa Maria River watershed and its tributaries.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Central Coast Water Board will consider approval of the proposed resolution.

Actions to amend the Basin Plan by the Central Coast Water Board will be taken 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 under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

Copies of the final draft resolution and amendments to the Basin Plan (including the staff report, a substitute environmental document that includes an environmental checklist, and draft amendments for adoption) will be available on or about **January 15, 2014**, at the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/santa_maria/pesticide/index.shtml

The proposed amendments to the Basin Plan are also available by request at the office of the Central Coast Water Board; please contact: **Peter Meertens at 805-549-3869**.

Note that a separate notice for public comment was previously transmitted on January 28, 2013. The public comment period commenced on January 28, 2013, and ended on March 29, 2013. Water Board staff made substantive revisions to portions of the substitute environmental documents following the public comment period, then recirculated the documents for public comment from October 15, 2013, to November 29,

2013. Therefore, Water Board staff is not accepting further written comments at this time. Oral comments may be provided to the Water Board at the public hearing shown below.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: January 30, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, 4th Floor
Watsonville, California

An agenda for the public hearing will be posted on our website prior to the hearing date:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/>

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Central Coast Water Board will consider certification of the substitute environmental documents and approval of the proposed amendments. The Central Coast Water Board may close the public hearing and the comment period, but consider adoption of the amendments at a later public hearing.

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Central Coast Water Board, and on the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/publications_forms/publications/basin_plan/index.shtml

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones** at **805-549-3372** at least five working days prior to January 30, 2014. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

For additional information on these proposed Basin Plan amendments, please call Peter Meertens at (805) 549-3869.