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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** L.B. Nye, Ph. D  
Chief, Regional Programs

**DATE:** December 15, 2020

**SUBJECT:** RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF FINAL TMDL IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN TMDLS IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) has received a joint letter from the Natural Resource Defense Council, Heal the Bay and the Los Angeles Water Keeper requesting that the 45-day comment period for the Basin Plan Amendments for the Extension of Final TMDL Implementation Deadlines for Certain TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region be extended. The Los Angeles Water Board recognizes that the comment period spans major holidays and overlaps with other public comment periods including the Tentative Regional Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Considering these circumstances and the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Los Angeles Water Board is extending the original 45-day comment period with a comment period deadline of January 4, 2021 to a 52-day comment period with a comment period deadline of **January 11, 2021**.

The extension provides additional time for interested persons to provide input on the Extension of Final TMDL Implementation Deadlines for Certain TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region and builds upon the upcoming opportunity for input during the December 16, 2020 workshop.

The Notice of Hearing, Staff Report, Tentative Resolution, and proposed Basin Plan Amendments for the Extension of Final TMDL Implementation Deadlines for Certain TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region are available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/basin\\_plan\\_amendments/technical\\_documents/bpa\\_137\\_R21-001\\_td.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/basin_plan_amendments/technical_documents/bpa_137_R21-001_td.html)

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Basin Plan Amendments, are invited to submit comments in writing for the Los Angeles Water Board to consider. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles Water Board staff is on an extensive telecommuting schedule. The Board therefore requests that, whenever feasible, persons wishing to comment on the proposed Basin Plan Amendments for the Extension of Final TMDL Implementation Deadlines for Certain TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region submit comments electronically as a PDF file to: [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line "**Comments on Basin Plan Amendment on Final TMDL Implementation Deadline Extensions.**" Comments that are not provided electronically will still be accepted provided they are postmarked by the comment deadline.

**To be evaluated and considered by staff and the Los Angeles Water Board, all written comments must be received by the Board no later than 5:00 pm on January 11, 2021.** Late submittal of written comments will not be considered. Please contact Jessica Pearson at [Jessica.Pearson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.Pearson@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dr. Jun Zhu at [Jun.Zhu@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jun.Zhu@waterboards.ca.gov) with any questions.