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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Interested Persons

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**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION**

**DATE:** November 20, 2020

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF FINAL TMDL IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN TMDLs IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION

On February 11, 2021 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) will consider proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan for an extension of final Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation deadlines for certain TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region.

**A public hearing is scheduled for**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM  
Video and Teleconference Meeting**

The Los Angeles Water Board will act on the resolution after hearing staff's presentation and public comments. Additional resources are available at the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl\\_list.php](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl_list.php)

Written comments and evidence must be received by the Los Angeles Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2021. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the record (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 649.4). Comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Clean Water Act requires the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for waterbodies that do not meet water quality standards. A TMDL is a water quality control plan that requires different pollutant sources in a watershed to take appropriate control actions to achieve water quality standards. In a TMDL, pollutant sources are characterized as either point sources or nonpoint sources and assigned waste load allocations and load allocations, respectively. TMDLs must be implemented through permits or other orders.

The Los Angeles Water Board proposes to reconsider final implementation deadlines for the TMDL for Bacteria at Santa Monica Bay Beaches; the TMDL for Bacteria in Marina del Rey Harbor Mothers' Beach and Back Basins; the TMDL for Bacteria in Malibu Creek and Lagoon; the TMDL for Toxic Pollutants in Ballona Creek Estuary; the TMDL for Toxic Pollutants in Marina del Rey Harbor; the TMDL for Bacteria in Ballona Creek, Ballona Estuary, and Sepulveda Channel; the TMDL for Metals in Ballona Creek; and the Implementation Plan for the Malibu Creek Nutrients TMDL and the Malibu Creek and Lagoon Sedimentation and Nutrients TMDL to Address Benthic Community Impairments.

Reconsideration of the final implementation deadlines for these TMDLs takes into account the requests for TMDL extensions from the MS4 permittees, the original length of the TMDL schedule, whether meaningful progress has been made in achieving the TMDL from a water quality standpoint, which projects and programs have been completed and initiated, and which projects are planned as documented in Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) and Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs), and Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs), the Ventura County Stormwater Resource Plan, and Ventura County TMDL implementation plans and the financial impacts of COVID-19.