



State Water Resources Control Board

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN REGARDING MODEL MONITORING, CONTROL OF COMMERCIAL VESSEL DISCHARGES AND INVASIVE SPECIES, AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AND THE DRAFT SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

EXTENDED DEADLINE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the California Ocean Plan related to model monitoring, vessel waste discharges, and non-substantive changes and the Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation for the proposed amendments. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken. The location and time of the public hearing are provided below.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The Ocean Plan establishes water quality standards for California's ocean waters and provides the basis for regulation of wastes discharged into the State's near-coastal ocean waters. The Ocean Plan applies to point and nonpoint source discharges.

Section 13170.2 of the California Water Code directs the State Water Board to formulate and adopt a water quality control plan for ocean waters of California. The State Water Board first adopted the Ocean Plan in 1972. The current 2009 Ocean Plan is available from the State Water Board's Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml.

On June 26, 2007, the State Water Board held a public scoping meeting to seek input on proposed amendments to the Ocean Plan. Public comments were received and reviewed.

The State Water Board adopted the Ocean Plan Triennial Review Workplan for 2011-2013 by [Resolution 2011-0013](#) on March 15, 2011. The Workplan identifies numerous issues for which further action is needed. Issues 2 and 3, which were given very high priority, relate to the proposed Model Monitoring and Control of Commercial Vessel Discharges and Invasive Species amendments to the California Ocean Plan. Issue 25 relates to the proposed Non-substantive Administrative Changes proposed to the California Ocean Plan. The Ocean Plan Triennial Review Workplan 2011-2013 is available from the State Water Board's Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml

A Staff Report including Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation has been prepared by State Water Board Staff for the following proposed amendments to the California Ocean Plan:

1. Model Monitoring
2. Control of Commercial Vessel Discharges and Invasive Species
3. Non-substantive Administrative Changes

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendments to the Ocean Plan and documents, including the Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation, are available on the State Water Board's Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml.

To subscribe to an email list for future notifications about the proposed non-substantive amendments, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and choose "California Ocean Plan (COP)".

Additional information on the hearing in Sacramento can be found at the State Water Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed amendments and the content of the supporting documents. **The Notice posted on August 25, 2011, required submission of comments by Monday, October 17, 2011. This revised notice extends the comment deadline to 12:00 noon on Monday, October 24, 2011.** Written comments must be addressed to:

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

Comment letters may be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **"Comment Letter – California Ocean Plan Amendments."**

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

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At this hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. At the hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml at the State Water Board's Web site. Questions concerning the hearing may also be directed to Dominic Gregorio at (916) 341-5488 (dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov).

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY


For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Emily Siegel at (916) 341-7338 (esiegel@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dominic Gregorio at (916) 341-5488 (dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov).

September 1, 2011
Date


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Clerk to the Board