



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 28, 2024

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AQUATIC HABITAT CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will accept public comments on the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan). The proposed Basin Plan amendment provides information related to the challenge of climate change in the region, including to its aquatic habitats, and the Water Board's participation in various regional efforts to address climate change. The amendment also provides information to assist in the planning and development of climate adaptation and other shoreline projects, based on the Water Board's review of the evolving climate change science and its knowledge and expertise in coastal and estuarine management and permitting. The amendment also updates references, corrects errors, and makes minor, non-substantive edits for clarity. The amendment is informational and contains no new regulations.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Basin Plan Amendment at its June 2024 board meeting:

DATE: June 12, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris Building Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Electronic copies of the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents, including the staff report, are available on the Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#basin.

Alternatively, a copy of the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents can be received by email or postal mail by contacting the staff contact identified above.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment must be received **by 12:00 noon on May 15, 2024**, in order to be considered. Please send all written comments to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the June hearing need not be submitted in advance. Submission of written comments via email is preferred, but not required.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on and consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment at the June hearing. The Water Board may consider changes to the proposed amendment consistent with the general purpose of the amendment.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649.3. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will generally be limited to **five minutes**; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson.

If you require special accommodations at the physical meeting location, please contact Victor Aelion, (510) 622-2093, Victor.Aelion@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any changes in the date of the hearing or any other updates will be noticed by the GovDelivery email list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed Basin Plan amendment must sign up for the GovDelivery e-mail list. To sign up, access the E-mail List Subscription form at the GovDelivery subscription page: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=san_francisco_bay, and select the box for "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Projects by Area" option. To receive notice by postal mail, please call or email the San Francisco Bay Water Board contact identified above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to this Basin Plan amendment lead staff, Christina Toms, at the San Francisco Bay Water Board, at (510) 622-2506 or by email at Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov.