

## Summary Overview of CEQA Scoping Meeting held on June 30, 2015

The proposed project is a Basin Plan amendment to include a sediment total maximum daily load (TMDL) and related habitat enhancement plan for the Pescadero-Butano Watershed. Background information on the sediment TMDL can be found under the Project Definition and Project Plan at this link:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/TMDLs/pescadero/PBW\\_Project\\_Plan\\_Draft\\_Website\\_Sept2013.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/pescadero/PBW_Project_Plan_Draft_Website_Sept2013.pdf).

Amending the Basin Plan requires compliance with the basin planning requirements of Porter-Cologne, as well as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In lieu of an EIR or negative declaration and initial study, a substitute environmental document will be prepared which simultaneously complies with both these environmental laws.

The CEQA scoping process is designed to enlist the public in the Water Board's efforts to identify:

1. A range of foreseeable management measures persons and entities might potentially need to implement to improve water quality in the Pescadero-Butano watershed;
2. What – if any – significant, unintended adverse environmental impacts could occur from implementing any of the actions identified above in 1); and
3. Alternatives or mitigation practices that could reduce or minimize the adverse environmental impacts of the management measure if significant, unintended adverse environmental impacts might occur from implementing such a measure.

The CEQA scoping meeting held on June 30, 2015 was intended to provide participants with:

1. A description of the proposed amendment, including the conditions in the Pescadero-Butano watershed  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/TMDLs/pescadero/PBW%20CEQA%20Workshop\\_%20Part%20I.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/pescadero/PBW%20CEQA%20Workshop_%20Part%20I.pdf), and
2. An opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed amendment and environmental documents to be prepared  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/TMDLs/pescadero/PBW%20CEQA%20Scoping\\_Part%20II.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/TMDLs/pescadero/PBW%20CEQA%20Scoping_Part%20II.pdf).

We are accepting written comments until July 31, 2015 on the scope of the proposed project, project actions and potential alternatives, reasonably foreseeable means of compliance, significant (and any cumulative) impacts of the project to be analyzed, and ways to eliminate or mitigate those impacts.

### Next Steps

In the next year, the Water Board will prepare project documentation including a draft staff report, a CEQA checklist (regulatory analysis), and a Basin Plan amendment. The written comments received

during the CEQA scoping comment period will be used in preparing these documents. The public will be provided with another opportunity to comment on the draft staff report, CEQA checklist, and proposed Basin Plan amendment during a 60-day comment period in Spring 2016.