

## State Water Resources Control Board

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO APPROVE THE THE PROPOSED STATEWIDE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST FOR THE 2014 AND 2016 CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED REPORT AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the proposed statewide Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of water quality limited segments (303(d) List) comprised of recommendations by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) for the San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Central Valley, Santa Ana, and San Diego regions and the proposed 303(d) List for waterbodies within the region of the Los Angeles Regional Water Board. Public comment shall be limited to:

1. The specific listing and delisting recommendations made by the Regional Water Boards for the San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Central Valley, Santa Ana, and San Diego regions that were timely requested for review pursuant to section 6.2 of the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing the California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list (Listing Policy)<sup>1</sup>;
2. The State Water Board's proposed additions, changes, and deletions to listing and delisting recommendations submitted by the Regional Water Boards for the San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Central Valley, Santa Ana, and San Diego regions; and
3. The State Water Board's proposed 303(d) listing and delisting recommendations pertaining to all waterbodies within the Los Angeles region.

### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report, supporting draft Staff Report, and all waterbody fact sheets are available on the State Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated2014\\_2016.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated2014_2016.shtml)

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with section 6.2 of the Listing Policy, a request for the State Water Board to review a Regional Water Board's specific listing recommendation must be submitted to the State Water Board within 30 days after the date the Regional Water Board approved its 303(d) list.

## **BACKGROUND**

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to list waters not meeting water quality standards and prioritize those waters for total maximum daily load development or other management (referred to as the 303(d) List). Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to monitor, assess, and report on the quality of its waters relative to its water quality standards (referred to as the 305(b) Report). The Clean Water Act requires each state to satisfy its 303(d) and 305(b) reporting obligations every two years. The State Water Board consolidates the statewide 303(d) List and the 305(b) Report into a single report called the California Integrated Report. Only the proposed 303(d) List requires an opportunity for public comment and approval by the State Water Board and approval by U.S. EPA. Neither agency takes formal approval action on the 305(b) Report, an informational document that characterizes the state's general water quality conditions. Generally, the State Water Board does not solicit comments or respond to comments pertaining to the 305(b) portion of the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report.

### The 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report:

The State Water Board is combining the listing cycles for 2014 and 2016 into a report titled, "2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report." The 303(d) List portion of the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report will be comprised of the 303(d) Lists of waters within six regions—the Regional Water Boards for the San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Central Valley, Santa Ana, San Diego, and Los Angeles regions.

Five of the Regional Water Boards considered and approved each of its proposed 303(d) Lists at a public hearing after providing advance notice, opportunity for comment, and responding to comments. The five boards are the Regional Water Boards for the San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Central Valley, Santa Ana, San Diego regions.

The State Water Board will consider approving the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report at the board meeting identified in this notice.

### State Water Board hearing and approval of the 303(d) List for waters in the Los Angeles region:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Board did not approve 303(d) List recommendations for waterbodies within its region, but provided a written public comment period, held a board workshop, and responded to comments. After the public workshop, and in response to public input, the Los Angeles Regional Water Board made revisions to its 303(d) List.

Because the Los Angeles Regional Board did not formally approve the revised regional 303(d) List, the State Water Board will administer the approval process on behalf of the Los Angeles Regional Board, consistent with section 6.2 of the Listing Policy.

At a hearing, and in accordance with this notice, the State Water Board will consider and approve the proposed 303(d) List pertaining to waterbodies within the Los Angeles region, after providing an opportunity to comment and responding to comments. The State Water Board's approved 303(d) List on behalf of the Los Angeles Regional Water Board shall be consolidated into the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report submitted to U.S. EPA without further consideration.

The 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report includes the CWA section 305(b) report of surface water quality (305(b) report). Only the 303(d) list portion of the California Integrated Report requires approval by the State Water Board and U.S. EPA. Neither agency approves the 305(b) report portion of the California Integrated Report.

After the State Water Board approves the 303(d) list, the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report will be submitted to U.S. EPA. U.S. EPA may make changes to the 303(d) List, which is only effective upon U.S. EPA's approval.

#### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the proposed 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report. **Comments must be limited to the categories described in items 1 through 3 on the first page of this notice. Comments that fall under item 1 should include a statement explaining the manner in which the listing or delisting recommendation(s) was timely requested for review. The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that are not limited to the categories described in items 1 through 3.**

Electronically submitted comments are encouraged. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on July 10, 2017**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter—303(d) List portion of the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report” and/or “Comment Letter—303(d) List for waterbodies in the Los Angeles region.”**

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT A HEARING WILL BE HELD** by the State Water Board to receive public input limited to the proposed Clean Water Act 303(d) listing and delisting recommendations for waterbodies in the Los Angeles region. The public hearing will be held on:

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.**  
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

At the public hearing the State Water Board will consider approving the Clean Water Act 303(d) List specific to the waters in the Los Angeles region. The State Water Board's approved listing recommendations on behalf of the Los Angeles Regional Water Board shall be consolidated into the statewide 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report submitted to U.S. EPA without further consideration by the State Water Board.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING WILL BE HELD** by the State Water Board to consider adopting a resolution approving the proposed statewide Clean Water Act section 303(d) List portion of the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report. The public meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.**  
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Once approved, the 303(d) List portion of the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report will be submitted to U.S. EPA for final approval as required by the Clean Water Act.

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

At the State Water Board public hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Oral comments at the hearing will generally be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period (identified above). At the hearing, participants will be given opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations and written material. 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml)

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

The State Water Board's approval of the Clean Water Act section 303(d) List specific to the waters in the Los Angeles region and the consolidated 303(d) List portion of the 2014 and 2016 California Integrated Report is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because such action has no potential to result in a "direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on the environment." (Pub. Res. Code, § 21065.) The approved 303(d) List satisfies reporting requirements of the Clean Water Act and provides information for setting priorities for future actions.

### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. The CalEPA 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 hearing. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

All visitors to the CalEPA 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.

### **FUTURE NOTICES**

The State Water Board will hold the public hearing at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public hearing will be noticed on the Lyris e-mail list.

Any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the hearing and adoption meeting, including any changes to this notice **must subscribe** to the Integrated Report – 303(d)/305(b) Lyris list at:

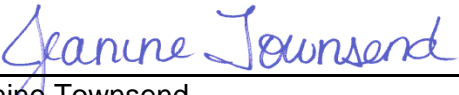
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml).

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the State Water Board contact identified below.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct any questions about this notice to Nick Martorano, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (916) 341-5290 or [nicholas.martorano@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:nicholas.martorano@waterboards.ca.gov); or Stacy Gillespie, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5190 or [stacy.gillespie@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stacy.gillespie@waterboards.ca.gov).

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June 9, 2017  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board