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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN 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 State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comments on the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) to include information on climate change. The Basin Plan amendment provides information related to the challenge of climate change in the region, including to its aquatic habitats, and the San Francisco Bay 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 San Francisco Bay Water Board's review of the evolving climate change science and its knowledge and expertise in coastal and estuarine management and permitting. It also updates references, corrects errors, and makes minor, non-substantive edits for clarity. The amendment is informational and contains no new regulations. The San Francisco Bay Water Board adopted the amendment on June 12, 2024 ([Resolution No. R2-2024-0012](#)).

#### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A link to electronic copies of the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents are available on the San Francisco Bay Water Board's website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/climate\\_change/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/climate_change/).

Alternatively, a copy of the Basin Plan amendment can be received by email or postal mail by contacting Christina Toms at [Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov) or 510-622-2506.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS

Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters must be received **by 12:00 noon on August 25, 2024**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board, via e-mail at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – R2 BPA on Climate Change and Shoreline Adaptation”**.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery, mail, or fax to:

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814-0100 (hand delivery)  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
(916) 341-5620 (fax)

Couriers delivering written comments must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Courtney Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779, subdivision (f), the State Water Board may refuse to accept any comment that does not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board.
2. If the San Francisco Bay Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the San Francisco Bay Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the San Francisco Bay Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

### **REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETING**

The State Water Board will separately publish a notice of and an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. To receive notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment, please subscribe to the email distribution list at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg2\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml).  
Select “ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Projects by Area.” To receive notice by postal mail, please call or email the San Francisco Bay Water Board contact identified below.

**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 [Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Christina.Toms@waterboards.ca.gov) or 510-622-2506.

July 9, 2024

Date



Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board