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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

#### CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN TO ADD TRIBAL TRADITION AND CULTURE (CUL), TRIBAL SUBSISTENCE FISHING (T-SUB), AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING (SUB) BENEFICIAL USE DEFINITIONS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is seeking written public comments on the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) to add Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB) Beneficial Use definitions. Public written comments must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on July 24, 2026. Written comments must be submitted per the procedures in the "Submission of Written Comments" section of this public notice.

#### 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:

[R2 BPA to Add Tribal and Subsistence Beneficial Use Definitions.](#)

Alternatively, a copy of the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents can also be received by mail by contacting lead project staff Tong Yin at (510) 622-2418 or [Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov).

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Board will conduct a Board meeting on **November 3, 2026**, to consider approval of an amendment to the San Francisco Bay Water Board's Basin Plan to add Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB) Beneficial Use Definitions (Basin Plan Amendment). The Basin Plan Amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board on April 8, 2026, via Resolution No. R2-2026-0012. This Basin Plan Amendment will incorporate the definitions for three new beneficial uses, CUL, T-SUB, and SUB, into the Basin Plan. Additional information about the Basin Plan Amendment is provided below.

## **Participation Options**

### Review the Available Documents

Review the Basin Plan Amendment and related documents at [R2 BPA to Add Tribal and Subsistence Beneficial Use Definitions](#). Physical copies of the available documents may be mailed to you upon request by contacting staff as described above.

### Attend the Public Meeting

A Board Meeting agenda will be available 10 days before the meeting at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/).

- Participate in person to observe or provide a comment:  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Submit an online speaker card if you wish to provide a public comment at the Board meeting in person or remotely: [bit.ly/speaker-card-form](http://bit.ly/speaker-card-form). The form accepts responses a few days prior to the Board meeting. The Board Clerk will provide instructions to join Zoom in advance of the meeting. For more information about participating remotely at a Board meeting, please visit [bit.ly/providingcomments](http://bit.ly/providingcomments).
- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either [youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport](https://youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport) or [video.calepa.ca.gov](http://video.calepa.ca.gov) (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.

The written comment period will close at **12:00 noon on July 24, 2026**. Responses to the comments received by the State Water Board will be posted at [R2 BPA to Add Tribal and Subsistence Beneficial Use Definitions](#).

### Submission of 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 July 24, 2026**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Courtney Tyler, 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 to:

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

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter— San Francisco Bay Basin Plan Amendment**".

If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov), identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.

### **Requirements for Submitting Comments**

The State Water Board will not accept any new evidence not already presented to the Regional Water Board during its consideration of the Basin Plan Amendment. In accordance with 23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f), the State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all 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.

### **Language Services**

This meeting will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the meeting, or sign language services please use one of the following options at least twenty (10) business days before the meeting, if possible:

- Submit an online request: [bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm](https://bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm)
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email [languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov)

Contact us to request information in your language.

Contáctenos para solicitar información en su idioma.

Liên hệ chúng tôi để yêu cầu thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị.

귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

请联系我们，以您的语言获取相关信息。

### **Accessibility & Reasonable Accommodations**

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Any person who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should email [contact@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:contact@waterboards.ca.gov) or call (916) 341-5254, at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. Learn more about accessibility within Zoom at [www.zoom.com/en/accessibility](https://www.zoom.com/en/accessibility).

### **Building and Parking Information**

- Directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.
- 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 on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

### **Background**

The State Water Board established the CUL, T-SUB, and SUB beneficial uses in Resolution No. 2017-0027, which approved “Part 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (ISWEBE Plan)— Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions” (Statewide Mercury Provisions) for use by the State Water Board and nine regional Water Boards in their water quality control plans. The CUL beneficial use reflects uses of water that support the cultural, spiritual, and traditional ways of living by California Native American Tribes. The Tribal Subsistence Fishing and Subsistence Fishing beneficial uses recognize use of some surface waters by populations that are likely to consume more fish than the average recreational angler in California. Furthermore, this Basin Plan Amendment project aligns with the San Francisco Bay Water Board’s 2024 Triennial Review, which identified designation of the CUL, T-SUB, and SUB beneficial uses as the highest priority Basin Plan project.

This Basin Plan Amendment serves as the foundational first step for this priority project. Designations of these beneficial use definitions to specific water bodies will be undertaken in separate processes in future Basin Plan amendment(s).

### **Stay Informed**

The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan Amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan Amendment must subscribe to the Regional Water Board’s email distribution list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the San Francisco Bay Water Board contact identified below.

Subscribe to receive email notifications at [San Francisco Bay Water Board's Basin Planning/TMDL subscription signup](#).

Enter your email address and password, then select the submit button. If this is your first time subscribing to a Water Boards email subscription list, you will have to register and create a password.


A copy of the Basin Plan Amendment can be received by mail by contacting the staff identified below.

**Contact Information**

- Staff contact: Tong Yin at [Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov) or (510) 622-2418.
- Program contact: Setenay Bozkurt Frucht at (510) 622-2388 or at [Setenay.Frucht@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Setenay.Frucht@waterboards.ca.gov).
- Website: [San Francisco Bay Water Board TMDLs Program](#).

June 8, 2026

Date



Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board