

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
895 Aerovista Place Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, Ca 93401-7906**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR
PATHOGENS FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO CREEK IN
THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COAST BASIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), Central Coast Region 3, will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan for Region 3. If accepted, this amendment will incorporate the Total Maximum Daily Load for Pathogens for San Luis Obispo Creek, thereby revising the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). At the conclusion of the hearing the Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider approval of the proposed amendment. The Basin Plan establishes measures to protect beneficial uses of water and achieve water quality objectives.

Actions to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for Region 3 will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The Regional Board is proposing to adopt a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for pathogens in San Luis Obispo Creek (Creek). The purpose of the TMDL is to protect the Creek from the degradation of water quality by protecting beneficial uses from the problems associated with elevated fecal coliform levels as well as other potentially pathogenic organisms. Copies of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan (in the form of a staff report, a functionally equivalent document which includes an Environmental Checklist, and draft amendment for adoption) are available on the Internet at:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/TMDL/PublicCommentParticipation.htm>.

Please see at the website: "Staff Report for Total Maximum Daily Load for Pathogens for San Luis Obispo Creek." The proposed amendments to the Basin Plan are also available by request at the office of the Regional Board; please contact: Carrie Fauset at 805-549-3506.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: **December 3, 2004**

Time: **8:30 a.m.**

Place: **Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Dr., Ste. 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906**

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the hearing. Additional or alternative rules or regulations consistent with the general purpose of the amendment and complementary to the specific proposed rules may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of this hearing.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Board will consider certification of the environmental document and approval of the proposed amendments.

The public comment period will occur from **August 24, 2004 to October 8, 2004**. We would appreciate any comments, preferably in writing, or other evidence, sent in advance to Christopher Rose at the address listed above.

Your timely submittal will allow staff and the Regional Board members to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on December 3, 2004

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Regional Board, and on the Internet at www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb3/.

The hearing and public parking location are indicated on the attached map. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Carrie Fauset** at **805-549-3506** at least 5 working days prior to December 3, 2004. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

For additional information on this Basin Plan review, please call Christopher Rose at 805-542-4770.

Date: August 24, 2004
Roger Briggs
Executive Officer