

**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 Re-Adoption of Resolution No. R3-2008-0002 Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Basin to

- (1) Remove the Shellfish Harvesting Beneficial Use for Soquel Lagoon,**
- (2) Add the Soquel Lagoon Watershed to the Human Fecal Material Discharge Prohibition and the Domestic Animal Waste Discharge Prohibition, And**
- (3) Adopt the Total Maximum Daily Loads for Pathogens in Soquel Lagoon, Soquel Creek, and Noble Gulch, Santa Cruz, California**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Coast Basin. If accepted, the resolution will amend the Basin Plan by (1) removing the shellfish harvesting beneficial use in Soquel Lagoon, (2) adding the Soquel Lagoon Watershed to the Human Fecal Material Discharge Prohibition and the Domestic Animal Waste Discharge Prohibition, and (3) incorporating Total Maximum Daily Loads for Pathogens in Soquel Lagoon, Soquel Creek, and Noble Gulch. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Central Coast Water Board will consider approval of the proposed revised resolution. The Basin Plan establishes measures to protect beneficial uses of water and achieve water quality objectives.

The Central Coast Water Board adopted resolution R3-2008-0002 in March 2008. The current action is to re-adopt a revised version of the resolution. Most of these revisions are minor typographical corrections; some are substantive changes. The current staff report associated with the proposed revised resolution includes a discussion of the substantive changes.

Actions to amend the Basin Plan by the Central Coast Water Board 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.

Copies of the proposed revised resolution and amendments to the Basin Plan (including the staff report, a substitute environmental document which includes an Environmental Checklist, and draft amendments for adoption) are available on the following website: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/public_comment_participation.shtml.

**Item No. 18 Attachment No. 4
May 8, 2009 Meeting
TMDLs for Pathogens –
Soquel Lagoon Watershed**

On the website, click on "Staff Report" under the heading "Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Basin Plan Amendments for Soquel Lagoon Watershed".

The proposed amendments to the Basin Plan are also available by request at the office of the Central Coast Water Board; please contact: Sherry Kuykendall at 805-549-3865.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: **May 8, 2009**

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

Place: **Central Coast Water Board Offices
895 Aerovista Place - Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendments and substitute environmental documents and may make oral comments at the hearing. The written public comment period will occur from **January 29, 2009 to March 15 2009**. All written comments must be submitted to Kim Sanders of the Central Coast Water Board **by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2009** at the address listed above or electronically to ksanders@waterboards.ca.gov. Written comments submitted by that date will be responded to in writing. Written comments submitted after that date may not be responded to in writing.

Your timely submittal will allow staff and the Central Coast Water Board members to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on May 8, 2009.

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Central Coast Water Board will consider certification of the substitute environmental documents and approval of the proposed amendments. The Central Coast Water Board may close the public hearing and the comment period, but consider adoption of the amendments at a later public hearing.

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Central Coast Water Board, and on the following website: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwgcb3/publications_forms/publications/basin_plan/index.shtml

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Carol Hewitt** at **805-549-3503** at least five working days prior to May 8, 2009. 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 these proposed revised Basin Plan amendments, please call Kim Sanders at (805) 542-4771.

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