



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board took the following actions at its meeting on May 30-31, 2013, in San Luis Obispo:

Total Maximum Daily Loads—The Water Board adopted TMDLs to control sources of nutrients in the Santa Maria River and Bell Creek watersheds in Santa Barbara County and to control sources of sodium and chloride in the Jalama Creek watershed, also in Santa Barbara County. The TMDLs set goals and establish actions that potential contributors must take to reduce pollution of streams and rivers in the watersheds.

Permits—The Water Board adopted a new waste discharge permit for the Uni-Kool Packing Facility in Salinas. The board also adopted new requirements for the closed Crazy Horse Landfill in Monterey County and rescinded the permit for a closed biofuel power plant near Soledad, Monterey County.

Septic Systems—The Water Board amended its water quality control plan to make it consistent with a new statewide policy controlling installation and operation of septic systems. The amendment removes requirements that have been in the plan since 1983. Information on the new statewide requirements can be found here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/index.shtml

More detail on any of these items and the full Water Board agendas can be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2013/2013_agendas.shtml

The Central Coast Water Board is responsible for protecting and restoring water quality in the 300-mile-long coastal region from southern San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to the northern part of Ventura County.

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