
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 21, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING *Regarding* **Development of Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Franklin Creek in the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Watershed**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) staff will hold a public workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting to seek input on the development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to control discharges of nutrients into Franklin Creek. The Central Coast Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Coast.

Time and Location of Meeting:

Date: September 20, 2017 (Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: City of Carpinteria, City Hall Council Chambers (second entrance to the right)
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria ([Map](#))

Background

The proposed geographic scope of this TMDL encompasses the Franklin Creek watershed which is tributary to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh and located in the southeastern portion of Santa Barbara County. Franklin Creek is listed as impaired on California's federal Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies (303(d) list) for nitrate. The Clean Water Act requires the state to develop (TMDLs) for waters on the 303(d) list. TMDLs are strategies to restore water quality so that waterbodies can be removed from the 303(d) list.

Total maximum daily load is a term used to describe the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards. A TMDL study identifies the probable sources of pollution, establishes the maximum amount of pollution a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards, and allocates that amount to all probable contributing sources.

Purpose of the Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

This workshop and CEQA scoping meeting will provide participants with: 1) an explanation and understanding of the TMDL project under development; 2) an opportunity to comment on the TMDL project; and 3) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental analysis and environmental documentation for this project to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the Central Coast Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15251, subdivision (g); and Title 23, Section 3775 et seq.).

Interested persons are specifically requested to provide information about:

- How they or responsible parties would foreseeably comply with the TMDL;
- The reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
- Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (significance) of the impacts;
- Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts; and
- Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance.

Central Coast Water Board staff will consider the issues raised and comments provided by workshop attendees, both on the TMDL project and on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental documentation, in the final reports that will be presented to the Central Coast Water Board.

Central Coast Water Board staff will solicit oral comments at the public workshop. Additionally, if stakeholders wish to submit written comments regarding the potential environmental impact issues relevant to CEQA scoping, please submit the written comments on or before October 20, 2017. To submit written comments, please see the section entitled “*How to Submit Written Comments*” below. Central Coast Water Board staff will not prepare written responses to each individual comment received, but will incorporate written responses to all significant environmental points in the final reports that will be provided to the Central Coast Water Board.

Who Should Attend

All interested parties, including individuals representing agricultural interests, landowners who own or operate agricultural operations, representatives of municipalities and other public agencies/entities, representatives of environmental groups, and all other individuals interested in nutrient control and reduction efforts for Franklin Creek.

How to Submit Written Comments

Persons wishing to submit written comments regarding CEQA scoping elements for this TMDL project may submit them via email to Larry Harlan at Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov. If you wish to submit CEQA scoping written comments by postal mail, please address to Larry Harlan at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906.

Contact Information

For questions regarding CEQA scoping or the project please contact Larry Harlan at the email listed above or at (805) 594-6195. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact Larry at least five working days prior to the meeting.