



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2024 Triennial Review Draft Workplan for the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will hold a public hearing to adopt the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) on **12/13 December 2024**. The Basin Plans cover all the watersheds of the Central Valley from the Oregon state border to the northern tip of Los Angeles County. The Basin Plans identify beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establish water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and describe an implementation plan to achieve the water quality objectives.

This Notice provides (1) a brief background on the Triennial Review process, (2) information on the Public Hearing, and (3) information on how to participate in the Public Hearing.

Background on the Triennial Review Process:

To meet requirements of section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act and Water Code section 13240, the Central Valley Water Board reviews its Basin Plans every three years, which is known as the Triennial Review. The Triennial Review consists of solicitation of comments on water quality issues in the Central Valley that may need to be addressed through Basin Plan amendments and the subsequent preparation of a prioritized workplan for both Basin Plans.

The Triennial Review process does not itself amend the Basin Plans nor does it include consideration of waste discharge requirements, waivers of waste discharge requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, or other permitting matters.

The Board's Triennial Review solicitation process includes providing an opportunity for interested persons to provide written comments to the Board. After the Board receives public input, the Board develops and adopts a prioritized workplan that is used to direct basin planning efforts over the next three years. Implementation of the workplan depends upon the Board's program priorities, resources, and other mandates and commitments.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Board initiated the 2024 Triennial Review on 05 January 2024 with a 45-day solicitation comment period. Board staff reviewed and prepared responses to all submitted comments which were used to develop the 2024 Triennial Review Draft Workplan. A 30-day public comment period on the Draft Workplan started on 26 June 2024. Both of the comment period notices were emailed to over 1,200 entities. A hybrid Staff Workshop was held on 08 July 2024 in the Rancho Cordova office and via Microsoft Teams to receive oral comments. Board staff received sixteen written comment letters during both comment periods (eight comment letters during each period).

Board staff reviewed and prepared responses to all submitted comments which were used to develop the proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan.

Interested persons may find more information on the Triennial Review process from the Central Valley Water Board's Triennial Review [webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennialreviews/): (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennialreviews/).

Public Hearing Meeting Information:

The public hearing will be conducted during the December 2024 Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Date: 12 to 13 December 2024
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

This meeting will occur at the physical meeting location listed and with an option for the public to participate from a remote location. Information on video and teleconference participation options will be included in the final meeting agenda. The [final meeting agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available online at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the proposed exemption resolution, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

Public Hearing Process:

At the hearing, Board staff will present the proposed Triennial Review Workplan for the Central Valley Water Board's consideration. While the written comment period for the Triennial Review Draft Workplan has closed, all persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments on the proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing.

Oral presentations will be limited to 3-minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson and to contact Mason Gatti at

R5Triennial-Review@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 9 December 2024 if they anticipate requiring more than three minutes for oral comments. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide an electronic copy of any visual aids at least one day prior to the hearing.

The [regulations governing proceedings before the Central Valley Water Board](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq., and are available online. Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. For questions regarding the hearing procedure, please e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Language Services

The proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan is available in English and the Public Hearing will be offered in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, please use one of the following options by 25 November 2024:

- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 445-5615
- Email the Office of Public Participation at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Accessibility

Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Availability of Documents:

Copies of the proposed Triennial Review Workplan, associated documents, and meeting agenda will be available at least 10 days before the meeting and can be requested by contacting Mason Gatti at (916) 464-4634 or at R5Triennial-Review@waterboards.ca.gov.

The proposed Triennial Review Workplan and associated documents can also be found on the Central Valley Water Board's Triennial Review [webpage](#): (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennialreview/s/). The final meeting agenda can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's Meeting Calendar [webpage](#): (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)