

California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND BOARD HEARING

2023 Triennial Review of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that written comments will be accepted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), on the Draft Staff Report for the 2023 Triennial Review of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Draft Staff Report) and draft proposed Planning Program Workplan for fiscal years 2024 through 2027 (Workplan).

Persons wishing to comment on the draft proposed Basin Plan amendment project priorities and associated documents must submit comments in writing to the Regional Water Board not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2023.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Regional Water Board will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the Draft Staff Report and Workplan.

The public hearing is scheduled for February 8th or 9th, 2024, at 9:00am in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California. This meeting is scheduled to occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for remote participation via video and teleconference. Live video and audio broadcasts of the public workshop will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public meeting live webcasts webpage \(https://video.calepa.ca.gov\)](https://video.calepa.ca.gov). The meeting will be recorded.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the Board's website at least 10 days in advance of the Board's meetings. The agenda will specify any updates to the meeting format. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Meetings webpage \(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/).

Overview

Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne and Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act require a review of basin plans at least once each three-year period to keep pace with changes in regulation, new technologies, policies, and physical changes within the region. The Regional Water Board is responsible for reviewing the Basin Plan, and is required to: 1) identify those portions of the Basin Plan, which are in need of modification or new additions; 2) adopt standards as appropriate; and 3) recognize those portions of the Basin Plan, which are appropriate as written. The Regional Water Board solicits written and oral public input, which it considers prior to adopting by resolution a prioritized list of basin planning projects. The highest priority projects establish the workplan of the Regional Water Board's Planning Program for the next three year period.

Document Availability

The Draft Staff Report and Workplan are available and can be viewed at the [Regional Water Board's Triennial Review webpage](#). These files can also be viewed or copied by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for document reviews and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Public Comments

Written comments regarding the Draft Staff Report and Workplan must be submitted and received by the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2023. Electronically submitted comments in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) can be sent to NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment later may be submitted by fax at (707) 523-0135 or mailed to Planning Unit, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Written comments received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair.

Staff request that comments on the Draft Staff Report and Workplan be submitted with the subject line "Comments on Triennial Review."

Oral comments will also be accepted at the hearing. The time limit for oral comments will be 5 minutes; however, additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. A timer may be used, and speakers are expected to honor time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson to avoid unnecessary or repetitive presentations.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Deidre Wilkerson at 707-576-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Regional Water Board Staff Contact

Questions regarding the 2023 Triennial Review should be directed to Triennial Review, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, by phone or email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov with “Triennial Review” as part of the subject.

For future updates on Triennial Review, please [subscribe to the email list](#) by visiting our subscription site and choosing “Basin Planning” after entering your email address (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast).