
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA AND INFORMATION INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SITE-SPECIFIC WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR CHOLLAS CREEK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the incorporation of additional data and associated analyses that the State Water Board is incorporating into its administrative record for the consideration of approval of the site-specific water quality objectives (WQOs) for Chollas Creek adopted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) under Resolution R9-2017-0015.

BACKGROUND

In response to concerns raised by San Diego Coastkeeper and the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation regarding the Chollas Creek site specific objectives, the State Water Board requested that the Regional Board provide additional data and analyses to further demonstrate that the proposed site-specific Water Effects Ratios (WERs) calculated are representative of creek conditions and the WER-derived Criterion Maximum Concentration and Criterion Continuous Concentration WQOs are adequately protective of the warm freshwater habitat and wildlife habitat beneficial uses.

The data being incorporated into the record was collected from 2007-2017 by municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) dischargers in response to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements and requirements in the San Diego Region National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for MS4s. The additional analyses using the historical data were performed to independently corroborate the WER analyses underlying the site-specific WQOs proposed by the San Diego Water Board, not to supplement or replace it; therefore, no further peer review is required. The data and analyses are being released for public review and comment as described below.

DATA AVAILABILITY

The memorandum summarizing the data and analyses is available from the Regional Board's website at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/docs/basinplan_wer/Memorandum-Proposed_Site-Specific_Water_Quality_Objectives-Chollas_Creek.pdf

The data incorporated into the State Water Board's administrative record supporting the Site-Specific WQOs for Chollas Creek is also available on the Regional Board's website at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/docs/data.pdf.

Additional information on the Chollas Creek site specific objectives is available from the Regional Boards program website at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/basinplan_ver.html

You may request a paper copy of the data and analyses by contacting Melissa Corona at (619) 521-8039 or melissa.corona@waterboards.ca.gov

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

State Water Board staff will accept input and recommendations through written comments.

The comments must be limited to the incorporation of the additional data and analyses into the State Water Board's administrative record. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00pm (noon) on Friday, January 18, 2019** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please indicate in the subject line: **"Comment Letter - Chollas Creek Administrative Record."**

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold a public meeting in the future for consideration of approval of the site-specific water quality objectives for Chollas Creek adopted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) under Resolution R9-2017-0015. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the site-specific water quality objectives for Chollas Creek, including notice of the subsequent meeting for the State Water Board's consideration of adoption, must sign up for a Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for a Lyris email list, subscribe to the **"Chollas Creek TMDLs"** or the **"Basin Planning Issues"** email list on the Regional Board Email Subscriptions web page at:


https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.html

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Melissa Corona at (619) 521-8039 or melissa.corona@waterboards.ca.gov or Cynthia Gorham at (619) 521 3921 or cynthia.gorham@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Date



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