

**13 DECEMBER 2024 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 10

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF THE TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND TULARE LAKE BASIN

BOARD ACTION:

Approve the 2024 Triennial Review Workplan

BACKGROUND:

The Triennial Review process set forth in the Federal Clean Water Act and California Water Code requires that regional water boards conduct public hearings to help them identify and prioritize problems concerning the effectiveness of a water quality control plan. It also requires that the regional water boards develop a work plan to investigate the problems and make appropriate amendments to the water quality control plan.

This item concerns the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board or Board) required review of the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) every three years.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive further comment from the public on water quality issues and the proposed Workplan for addressing them. The 2024 Triennial Review Workplan includes a review of Basin Plan amendments since the 2021 Triennial Review, an overview of the proposed projects (Appendix I), available Board resources, and project prioritization and ranking. The Board initiated the 2024 Triennial Review on 05 January 2024 with a 45-day project solicitation comment period to receive public input on issues to be included in this Triennial Review Workplan. Board staff reviewed and prepared responses to all submitted comments which were used to develop the 2024 Triennial Review Draft Workplan. As part of the 2024 Triennial Review Draft Workplan, Board staff developed a draft list of projects and prioritized them in accordance with the prioritization process first introduced in the 2018 Triennial Review. A 30-day public comment period on the Draft Workplan started on 26 June 2024. 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 used the submitted comments to develop the proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan. Board staff considered all comments to develop the 2024 Triennial Review Workplan. Resources for this planning effort are limited, so the 2024 Triennial Review Workplan identifies what can be expected with existing resources. The

proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan and Response to Comments were made available with the release of the Notice of Public Hearing on 23 October 2024.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will consider adoption of a resolution to:

- Adopt the proposed 2024 Triennial Review Workplan which identifies and ranks Basin Planning projects to address identified issues and develop basin plan amendments,
- Reaffirm that the Basin Plan is adequate in all areas where an issue for investigation has not been identified,
- Declare that the Basin Plan in its entirety shall remain in effect except when a specific portion of it is subsequently amended through implementation of the work plan.

ISSUES:

No known outstanding issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the 2024 Triennial Review Workplan.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	MDH
Legal Review:	BTD

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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