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San Francisco Bay Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
to amend the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) intends to consider an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for San Francisco Bay Basin (“the Basin Plan”) during public hearings on May 12 and June 9, 2010. Specifically, the Water Board will consider the:

ADDITION OF SURFACE WATER BODIES AND BENEFICIAL USES
TO CHAPTER TWO OF THE BASIN PLAN

The proposed amendment would:

1. Designate beneficial uses to surface water bodies already listed in the Basin Plan that have not yet been explicitly designated
2. Identify additional surface water bodies, and designate their beneficial uses, to better represent all the surface water bodies in the region
3. Update text in Chapter 2 of the Basin Plan
4. Update Chapter 2 Basin Plan maps of surface water bodies

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The Water Board will hold two public hearings on the proposed Basin Plan amendment:

DATES: May 12, 2010
June 9, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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In addition, a **public workshop** to explain and discuss the amendment informally will be held 2:00-4:00 pm, **March 11, 2010**, at the Elihu M. Harris State Building, Room 12, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland. The

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workshop is intended to allow interested parties to learn more about the proposed amendment before the close of the public comment period. Further information about the workshop will also be posted online at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#amendments.

The proposed amendment and supporting staff report will be available online on February 24, 2010 at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#amendments. Written copies are available upon request. **The 45 day public comment period for the proposed amendment expires at 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2010.** All written comments concerning the proposed amendment are due by this date and time to the staff contact. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the May hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the staff contact identified above. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the May hearing need not be submitted in advance.

The Water Board will receive oral testimony on the proposed amendment at the May hearing. At the conclusion of the May hearing, in response to written comments and testimony received, the Water Board may recommend that staff make changes to the proposed amendment to be presented for its consideration at the second hearing, in June.

The Water Board will not take action on the proposed amendment until the June hearing.

Prior to the June hearing, Water Board staff will release any proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and/or accompanying staff report, along with written responses to all comments received during the public comment period and the May hearing. Oral public testimony at the June hearing will be limited to comments on changes to the Basin Plan amendment the Water Board or its staff may propose subsequent to the February 24, 2010, version. At the conclusion of the June hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

The public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 23 Cal. Code of Regs. § 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearings; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearings, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm. The location of the hearings is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Mary Tryon, (510) 622 2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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