



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
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) will consider an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) during a public hearing on April 14, 2010. Specifically, the Water Board will consider establishing:

**WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR BACTERIA
in marine and estuarine waters designated as water contact recreation
in the San Francisco Bay Region**

- HEARING DATE: April 14, 2010
- TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)
- LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
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- STAFF CONTACT: Richard Looker
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- MATERIALS: The proposed Basin Plan amendment, supporting staff report and other documentation will be available online February 4, 2010 at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#nterococcus. Copies of these documents are available upon request to the staff contact above.

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 45 day public comment period for the proposed amendment expires at 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2010. All written comments concerning the proposed amendment must be submitted no later than this

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date and time to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the April hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to Richard Looker. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the April hearing need not be submitted in advance.

The Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment at the April hearing, including changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are logical outgrowths of evidence and testimony received.

If the Water Board does not vote on whether to adopt the proposed amendment at the April hearing, it may continue the hearing on the amendment until a subsequent meeting. Water Board staff will release any proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and/or accompanying staff report prior to a subsequent hearing. (The following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.shtml will reflect future board hearing information) Oral public testimony at a subsequent hearing will be limited to comments on changes to the Basin Plan amendment that Water Board or its staff may propose to the version released with this notice.

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.

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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