

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice date: February 28, 2025

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON REVISIONS TO THE 2024 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Water Board) will hold a public hearing on its 2024 Triennial Review to review applicable water quality standards and consider adopting a list of prioritized planning projects (Prioritized List). The purpose of a triennial review is to review the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan), including applicable water quality standards, and focus the Water Board's basin planning efforts. Section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act states that the Water Board shall hold a hearing at least once every three years for the purpose of reviewing applicable water quality standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards. In addition, Water Code section 13240 requires periodic review of the Basin Plan, which is the master policy document that designates the beneficial uses of the region's waters, includes water quality objectives to protect those uses, and describes implementation plans for achieving water quality objectives.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the public has an opportunity to comment, in accordance with this notice, on the **revisions** to the 2024 Triennial Review Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects and Staff Report. The Water Board previously publicly noticed these documents and received public comments. The documents have since been revised and includes two new appendices (Appendix B and C). **Only comments on the revisions to these documents (indicated in underline and ~~strikeout~~ format) and the new appendices will be accepted.** Previously submitted comments during the September 13 through October 14, 2024, public comment period have been accepted and do not need to be resubmitted.

The hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
TIME: 9 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATIONS: Elihu M. Harris State Building
Main Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California 94612

In addition to a physical meeting location, there will be an option for the public to

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participate from a remote location. Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html.

If you wish only to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at: <https://cal-span.org/>. Please use this link UNLESS you intend to comment.

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Written comments from the public on an initial list of candidate basin planning projects were accepted from April 10 to May 24, 2024. Water Board staff created and distributed an online form allowing the public to comment on the Triennial Review process and the Basin Plan, as well as recommended basin planning issues for investigation. Following a review of all comments received through that process, Water Board prepared a Staff Report describing the Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects that may be pursued over the next three years and that could ultimately result in Basin Plan amendments.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The revised 2024 Basin Plan Triennial Review Staff Report and the Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects is available at the Water Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#triennialreview

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: All public written comments on the **revisions** to the Staff Report and Prioritized List of Basin Plan projects **must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2025.** Additionally, all evidence and exhibits proposed to be offered at the hearing must also be received by the Water Board by this deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted. The written materials must be sent to the staff contact identified above, preferably by email.

One week before the hearing date, a resolution to adopt the 2024 Triennial Review Prioritized List, any revisions to the Staff Report, and written responses to comments received during the two latest public comment periods will be posted on the Board's agenda, which is available on the following website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the 2024 Triennial Review, including the Prioritized List, proposed resolution and Staff Report, at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed resolution completing the 2024 Triennial Review and the Prioritized List.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649, et seq. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair

hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will generally be limited to **three minutes**. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant, Julie Haas, at (510) 622-2399 or Julie.Haas@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.

FUTURE NOTICES: Any changes in the date, time, place, format of the hearing or any other updates will be noticed by an email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices must sign up for the email distribution list at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=san_francisco_bay, and select the box for the "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and Information" option in the section on Basin Planning and TMDLs.