

Second Notice of Basin Planning Project

Addition of Water Bodies & Beneficial Uses for the *Entire* San Francisco Bay Region

In September, 2008, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) staff announced its intention to propose additional surface water bodies and beneficial uses to the San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). We proposed to first update the South Bay, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Coastal surface water bodies, with the remaining areas updated in future phases of this project.

To more efficiently use staff resources, we are now updating water bodies throughout the **entire** San Francisco Bay Region, so that this project will be completed in a single phase.

We will propose to add water bodies and beneficial uses that have been in existence since 1975 when the Basin Plan was written, but were inadvertently omitted. We invite the public to contribute information about creeks, lakes, sloughs or other surface water bodies and/or beneficial uses for Board staff to consider.

Background

The Basin Plan provides the foundation for regulatory activities, including tabular listings of beneficial uses of the Region's water bodies. The Basin Plan, as first adopted in 1975, omitted a number of important surface water bodies as well as the beneficial uses of many surface waters.

In November 2004, the Water Board adopted Resolution 2004-0092 certifying completion of the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review and adopting the *2004 Prioritized List of Basin Plan Issues for Investigation*. This list included, as a high priority, the update of water bodies and associated beneficial uses in Table 2-1 of the Basin Plan (see page 36 of the Basin Plan at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/planningtmdls/basinplan/web/bp_ch2.shtml). Board staff is in the initial stages of compiling this information.

Today we invite public input as we complete this priority project.

General Timeframe

- January – April, 2009: Compile available information, resource agency input, and informal public input.
- May - June, 2009: Circulate a proposed Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report for formal public comment.

Public Participation

To submit information on water bodies or beneficial uses, please contact Jan O'Hara at johara@waterboards.ca.gov or (510)622-5681. Or mail to:

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