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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REVISED AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE COMPLIANCE PLAN, SUBMITTED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the California Department of Transportation's (Department) Revised Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Compliance Plan. The Revised ASBS Compliance Plan addresses public comments submitted in September 2024 on the proposed plan. After a 30-day comment period, the State Water Board will consider comments and approval of the Revised ASBS Compliance Plan with any revisions necessary to comply with the Order. Comments will only be accepted on the revised text that is shown in red font.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The Revised ASBS Compliance Plan is available on the State Water Board web page, [California Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System \(MS4\) Program](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html)).

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Revised ASBS Compliance Plan. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 noon on Friday, April 25, 2025**, to be considered. Written comments may be submitted by:

1. Email to [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). with the subject line  
“**Comment Letter: Revised ASBS Compliance Plan**” or
2. Fax to (916) 341-5620, or
3. Send to

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Couriers hand delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

## BACKGROUND

ASBS are located along California's coastline, support an unusual variety of aquatic life, and host unique species. The Order requires the Department to implement an approved ASBS Compliance Plan that provides stormwater mitigation at five ASBS locations (Redwood National Park, James V. Fitzgerald, Año Nuevo, Laguna Point to Latigo Point, and Carmel Bay). The State Water Board is hereby providing a 30-day public comment period and will consider public comments prior to consideration of approval of the Revised ASBS Compliance Plan.

## FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Order or its reissuance, including any changes to this public notice, may sign-up for the appropriate email list as follows:

1. Access the [email subscription form](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb) ([https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca\\_swrcb](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb)),
2. Enter an email address,
3. Press "Submit",
4. Re-enter the email address,
5. If desired, enter and re-enter a password to password-protect your subscriber preferences,
6. Check the box to consent to our data privacy policy,
7. Press "Submit",
8. Check the box for "Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues", nested under the "Water Quality" heading,
9. Press "Submit".

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct requests for a paper copy of the Revised ASBS Compliance Plan to [stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date                      March 20, 2025

  
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Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board