# **Template Comment Letter Appendix**

# **Supporting Data and Information**

## **Purpose and Field Descriptions**

The purpose of this appendix is to organize specific information related to your comment letter on the draft 2026 California Integrated Report and supporting draft staff report. This appendix provides optional guidance but is recommended for providing data references. This appendix is also available in an excel version found on the [2026 California Integrated Report webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_assessment/2026_integrated_report.html).

The fields highlighted in green with bold text in Table 1 are suggested for inclusion in this appendix. The remaining fields will help State Water Board staff be more precise when reviewing your comment; however, none of the fields are required and fields may be removed to tailor the information you provide to support your comment letter. Table 2 is provided as an example of potential fields that a commenter may incorporate. The fields correlate with the fields in the waterbody factsheets found on the [2026 California Integrated Report webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_assessment/2026_integrated_report.html). For more information on submitting public comments and contact information for questions, please refer to the Tips for Submitting Comments document found on the [2026 California Integrated Report webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_assessment/2026_integrated_report.html).

**Table 1:** Field Names and Descriptions for the Template Comment Letter Appendix - Supporting Data and Information

| **Field Name** | **Field Description** |
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| **Comment/Topic** | The unique comment identifier (e.g., number or letter) from your comment letter. |
| **Waterbody Name** | The name of the waterbody segment. |
| **Pollutant** | The pollutant assessed in the waterbody-pollutant decision. |
| **Decision ID** | The unique identification number for each assessment decision. Decisions are made at the waterbody-pollutant combination level. |
| Request | The action requested to revise or clarify for water quality assessments. Keep this brief (i.e., duplicate data, incorrect station coordinates, remove data using outdated analytical method). |
| Waterbody ID | The unique identification number for the waterbody segment. |
| LOE ID | Unique identification number for each Line of Evidence (“LOE”). Each LOE is a unique combination of a waterbody, pollutant, beneficial use, water quality objective, evaluation guideline, matrix, and fraction. |
| Beneficial Use | The beneficial use evaluated in the LOE. |
| Matrix | Indicates the sample medium (e.g., water, tissue, sediment), when available, may also indicate not recorded, unknown or not specified. |
| Number of Samples | The sample count included in the LOE. |
| Number of Exceedances | The number of samples that exceed the numeric threshold (water quality objective or evaluation guideline). |
| Spatial Representation | A description of the spatial representation of the data or information in the LOE, such as the number and location of sampling sites. |
| Temporal Representation | A description of the time frame represented by the data or information in the LOE, such as the dates of sample collection. |
| TMDL or Alternative Project Name | The name of total maximum daily load (“TMDL”) or alternative project developed to address the pollutant impairment, if possible. |
| Other | Field for other data references, if needed add or remove other fields. |
| Notes | Comments and clarifications about the information provided. |

**Table 2:** Example Appendix Supporting Data and Information

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| **Comment/Topic** | **Waterbody Name** | **Pollutant** | **Decision ID** | **Request** | **LOE ID** | **Spatial Representation** |
| *Comment 1 or A* | *Big Chico Creek (Butte and Tehama Counties)* | *Bromoform* | *150402* | *Remove data using analytical method 5710b* | *238372* |  |
| *Comment 2 or B* | *Calleguas Creek Reach 2 (Estuary to Potrero Rd.)* | *Bifenthrin* | *136576* | *Remove station; agricultural drain* | *310051* | *02D\_BROOM* |
| *Examples are italicized above.* |  |  |  |  |  |  |