

Tips for Submitting Comments

The purpose of this document is to provide tips for submitting comments on the draft 303(d) List for the 2026 California Integrated Report and supporting draft staff report. This guidance is optional but recommended, as it helps staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) understand comments in a consistent format and assist in developing timely and accurate responses to your comments.

- **Include a unique comment identifier (e.g., number, letter) for each topic.** This helps the State Water Board follow and understand what you’re commenting on. Also, a unique comment identifier is helpful to organize comments received and develop a response to comments document that’s digestible for the public. See the suggested template for developing comment letters below.
- **Be specific.** Providing specific information about water quality assessments will allow staff to accurately investigate the commenters’ concern. Specific information includes unique identifiers for each assessment, lines of evidence, waterbodies, or other information.
 - If providing multiple data references, the following template may be used as an appendix to your comment letter to organize specific information: Template Comment Letter Appendix - Supporting Data and Information. Information related to water quality assessments and the template are available on the [2026 California Integrated Report webpage](#).
- **Comment on what’s being proposed.** State Water Board is only required to respond to comments on the draft 303(d) list portion of the 2026 California Integrated Report and the supporting draft staff report. The State Water Board is not required to respond to comments on the 305(b) Condition Report portion of the 2026 California Integrated Report. Comments received on the draft 303(d) list and draft staff report will be prioritized first.
- **Submit your comment by the deadline.** Make sure your comment is submitted before the end of the designated comment period, so it can be considered. All written comments must be received no later than **12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 2, 2025**. Any written comment received after **12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 2, 2025**, will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.
- **Questions? Contact**
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- For Regional Water Board contacts, please refer to the [California Integrated Report - Regional Assessments webpage](#)
- Not sure who to contact? Email the Integrated Report Inbox and we'll forward you to the appropriate staff person:
wqassessment@waterboards.ca.gov

How to submit your public comment

See the [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, Public Staff Workshop, and Public Hearing for the Draft 2026 California Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) List of Impaired Waters](#).

Template Comment Letter

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Comment Letter – 2026 California Integrated Report

[Introduction]

[Comment 1 or Comment A. If providing multiple data references (e.g., decision IDs, waterbodies) it is recommended to use the Template Comment Letter Appendix - Supporting Data and Information to organize the information.]

[Comment 2 or Comment B. If providing multiple data references (e.g., decision IDs, waterbodies) it is recommended to use the Template Comment Letter Appendix - Supporting Data and Information to organize the information.]

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[Summary]

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