
State Water Resources Control Board

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED by the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) on California’s draft Clean Water Act section 303(d) List of water quality limited segments portion of the 2026 California Integrated Report. The list is commonly known as the “303(d) List” or the “List of Impaired Waters.” The 303(d) List includes new listing and delisting recommendations for waterbodies in the regions of the North Coast, Central Coast, Central Valley, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards (“Regional Water Boards”).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft 303(d) List for the 2026 California Integrated Report and the supporting draft staff report will be posted on the State Water Board’s web site on or before

Thursday, January 30, 2025, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_quality_assessment/2026_integrated_report.html

You may request a paper copy of the draft 303(d) List and the supporting staff report by contacting Lillibeth Rodriguez at lillibeth.rodriguez@waterboards.ca.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the draft 303(d) List and supporting draft staff report. 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.

Address comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board. Please indicate in the subject line: “**Comment Letter – 2026 California Integrated Report.**”

Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Board Clerk via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in size, then the written comments may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery or mail to:

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

Couriers delivering a hard copy of a comment letter must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT A STAFF-HOSTED PUBLIC WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD by State and Regional Water Board staff to provide an overview of the 2026 California Integrated Report. Staff from the State and Regional Water Boards will be available to answer questions after a brief staff presentation.

The staff-hosted public workshop will be held on:

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
via Remote Participation

You may register for the workshop here:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtd-6opjguHdynMsjMyCByn9v2AcWOFqCh>

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT A HEARING WILL BE HELD by the State Water Board to receive oral comments on the draft 303(d) List for the 2026 California Integrated Report and draft staff report. The State Water Board will not be taking any action at the hearing.

The public hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room - Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
And via Video and Teleconference

REMOTE PARTICIPATION & PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The agenda for the March 18, 2025 State Water Board hearing and instructions for participating in the meeting will be posted on or about March 7, 2025, at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, a webcast is available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/

At the State Water Board public hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board website:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5254 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 7 calendar days before the workshop or hearing by contacting Lillibeth Rodriguez at (916) 327-5647 or lillibeth.rodriquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS

The State Water Board intends to make the draft 303(d) 2026 California Integrated Report and draft staff report available, provide an opportunity for public comment, and hold the public staff workshop, and hearing meeting at the times and places noted above. Any change to the items noticed above will be noticed through the below-identified list serve e-mail distribution lists, and on the State Water Board's webpages.

Any person desiring to receive future notices must subscribe to the list serve e-mail distribution lists by accessing one of the following E-mail List Subscription forms:

For the 2026 California Integrated Report, select the box for “Integrated Report – 303(d)/305(b)” (located within the section entitled ‘Water Quality’), and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

BACKGROUND

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to identify waters of the United States that do not meet or are not expected to meet by the next listing cycle, applicable water quality standards and to prioritize those waters for development of a total maximum daily load, unless other corrective action is appropriate. Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to report on the overall condition of its surface waterbodies (commonly referred to as the “305(b) report”). California combines its 303(d) list and 305(b) report into one “Integrated Report.”

The State Water Board adopts the 303(d) list for California and submits it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) for approval. Neither agency takes formal approval action on the 305(b) report. The State Water Board does not solicit comments or generally respond to comments pertaining to the 305(b) portion of the California Integrated Report.

The 2026 CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED REPORT:

The 2026 California Integrated Report consists of assessments of waterbodies in the North Coast, Lahontan, and Colorado River Basin Regional Water Boards. Waterbodies within the San Joaquin River sub-area of the Central Valley Regional Water Board were also included. The San Joaquin River sub-area is defined as the San Joaquin River watershed and includes the mainstem of the San Joaquin River upstream of the legal boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and all surface waters tributary to the mainstem. Finally, some waterbodies in the regions of the Central Coast and San Diego Regional Water Boards are included as off-cycle assessments.

All readily available data and information for waterbodies in the on-cycle regions and the San Joaquin River sub area that were received prior to the data solicitation cut-off date of October 21, 2022, were considered. Data and information that met mapping and quality assurance requirements of the Listing Policy were assessed to determine if water quality standards are attained or not attained in a waterbody.

The 2026 California Integrated Report revises the 2024 California Integrated Report. The revisions are based on data and information collected from surface waterbodies (rivers, streams, lakes, bays, estuaries, enclosed lagoons, and coastal waters) located in the aforementioned on-cycle and off-cycle regions. The revisions include changes to the 303(d) list and the 305(b) report and describes the extent to which surface waters in California are supporting beneficial uses.

Approximately 435 new waterbody-pollutant combinations are recommended to be added to the 303(d) List, and 133 waterbody-pollutant combinations are recommended to be removed from the 303(d) List. An individual waterbody-segment may be impaired by one or more pollutants.

The State Water Board is administering the listing process for all waters assessed during the 2026 listing cycle, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List ("Listing Policy"). To administer the listing process, the State Water Board is accepting written comments and will hold a hearing to receive oral comments as described in this notice. As stated above, the State Water Board will not be taking any action at the hearing. At a subsequent board meeting and after providing written responses to all timely written comments and oral comments made at the hearing, the State Water Board will consider adopting the proposed 303(d) List. Upon adoption of the 303(d) List of the 2026 California Integrated Report by the State Water Board, the 2026 California Integrated Report will be submitted to USEPA, which may make changes to the 303(d) List before it approves the final 303(d) List for California.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions regarding this notice, the draft 303(d) List of the 2026 California Integrated Report, and draft staff report to Ana Maria Saenz, Senior Environmental Scientist at (916) 341-5480 or anamaria.saenz@waterboards.ca.gov or Lillibeth Rodriguez, Environmental Scientist at (916) 327-5647 or lillibeth.rodriguez@waterboards.ca.gov.

January 2, 2025
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board