
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice Date: September 13, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2021 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, SAN FRANCISCO BAY BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Water Board) will conduct a public hearing on a tentative resolution (Resolution) to adopt the 2021 Basin Plan Triennial Review list of prioritized projects. The purpose of the Triennial Review is to examine and update the focus of Water Board planning efforts. Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act require the Water Board to review the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) at least once every three years for the purpose of updating the plan, including its water quality standards. The review is necessary to keep pace with changes in regulation, technology, policies, and the physical environment within the region. The Basin Plan is the master policy document that identifies the beneficial uses of the region's waters, establishes water quality objectives for protecting those beneficial uses, and describes implementation programs for achieving water quality standards. It also describes the legal, technical, and programmatic bases of water quality regulation in the San Francisco Bay Region.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board will receive public comments on the staff report, which includes a prioritized list of basin planning projects, and on issues the Water Board should address in future Basin Plan amendments, in accordance with this notice.

At the public hearing, the Water Board will receive public comments and consider adoption of the Resolution and list of prioritized basin planning projects. The hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**
TIME: 9 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATIONS:*** Elihu M. Harris State Building
Main Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California 94612

JIM McGRATH, CHAIR | MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In addition to a physical meeting location, there will be an option for the public to participate from a remote location. Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remot_e_meeting/index.html

If you wish only to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at: <https://cal-span.org/> Please use this link UNLESS you intend to comment.

*****As of the date of this notice, the public hearing is currently scheduled to take place in person and remotely as described above, but the format of the hearing may be changed. Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public hearing should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list, as described below.**

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Written comments from the public on an initial list of candidate basin planning projects were accepted from April 30 to July 8, 2021. Water Board staff conducted a public workshop on June 21, 2021. During the workshop and comment period, the public had the opportunity to comment on the Triennial Review process and the Basin Plan, as well as recommend basin planning issues for investigation. Following a review of all comments received through that process, Water Board staff prepared a staff report describing a prioritized list of basin planning projects (including total maximum daily loads) that may be pursued over the next three years and that could ultimately result in Basin Plan amendments.

The 2021 Basin Plan Triennial Review staff report, including the prioritized list of projects, is now available at the Water Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#triennialreview

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments from the public and interested parties on the staff report and prioritized list of basin planning projects will be accepted for thirty (30) days, until 5:00 p.m. on **October 13, 2021**.

All evidence, written testimony, and exhibits proposed to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing to the Water Board staff contact identified above **no later than 5**

p.m. on October 13, 2021 in order to be considered by the Water Board. Due to Covid-19, most of the Water Board's staff is currently teleworking, so email is the fastest and most reliable way to ensure that your comments or other submissions reach the staff person by the deadline. Non-evidentiary policy statements and oral comments to be made at the hearing need not be submitted in advance.

One week before the Board hearing date, the Resolution (that includes the prioritized list of basin planning projects), the revised staff report, and written responses to comments received during the public comment period will be posted at the Board Meeting agenda page:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

Any changes in the date of the hearing will also be noticed on the above website.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed Resolution and staff report at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed Resolution and prioritized list of basin planning projects.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649, et seq. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will generally be limited to **three minutes**. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations. All exhibits presented at the hearing, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

If the hearing is changed to allow in-person attendance at a physical location and you require special accommodations, please contact Executive Assistant Guy Gutterman, (510) 622-2399, Guy.Gutterman@Waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

FUTURE NOTICES: Any changes in the date or format of the hearing, the availability of responses to comments, or any other updates will be noticed by the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Triennial Review must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list.

To sign up, access the E-mail List Subscription form at the Lyris subscription page: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.html, and select the box for the "ALL Basin Planning/TMDL Notices and Information" option in the section on Basin Planning and TMDLs.