



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Central Coast Region



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To: All Interested Parties

PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

On behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is soliciting comments regarding impaired water quality conditions in surface waters in the Central Coast Region. The State is required to identify a list of impaired water bodies requiring water quality based controls, or Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLS), under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The TMDL will evaluate controls for waters upstream of the 303(d) listed water as well as the 303(d) listed water.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (RWQCB) will consider public comments and provide recommended Section 303(d) List changes to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Changes are being proposed for the 1998 303(d) List. The SWRCB will review recommendations from all the Regional Boards. The SWRCB will hold a public hearing and consider public comments; finalize the 303(d) List; and transmit the List to the USEPA.

The 303(d) List update includes additions to water bodies and pollutants; removal of water bodies and pollutants, if standards are attained; and changes to the description of water bodies currently listed (for example, refinement of identified impaired reaches, changes in priority, etc).

The Regional Board solicited information from the public to consider for the 303(d) List on March 7, 2001. (This letter is shown in Attachment One of the staff report.) The public was requested to provide information by May 15, 2001. The Regional Board is only accepting comments regarding proposed changes to the 303(d) List identified in Attachment Two and is not collecting additional information.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: October 26, 2001

Time: 8:30 am

Place: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
81 Higuera Street, STE 200
San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401

We appreciate any comments you have, preferably in writing, by August 31, 2001. Your timely submittal will allow staff to analyze your comments and the Regional Board to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on October 26, 2001.

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Please submit comments or questions to Angela G. Carpenter. She can be reached as follows:

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Sincerely,


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Attachments: Changes to 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies

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