

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 25, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING, AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Concerning a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Incorporate Maximum Contaminant Levels for Disinfection Byproducts and Maximum Residual Disinfectant Levels

Hybrid Meeting

December 4, 2025
1:30-3:30 p.m. PDT

RSVP Required for In-Person Participation

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/87549133700>

Meeting ID: 875 4913 3700

Or call in (669) 900-9128, 875 4913 3700#

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) staff will hold a public workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting¹ to seek early input on the development and environmental analysis of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate maximum contaminant levels for disinfection byproducts and maximum residual disinfectant levels from the California Code of Regulations, title 22, as water quality objectives for surface waters and groundwaters designated with the Municipal and Domestic Water Supply beneficial use.

¹ Prior to circulating a draft Substitute Environmental Documentation, the Central Coast Water Board is required to seek early public consultation pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, section 3775.5. Early public consultation may include one or more scoping meetings.

During the meeting Central Coast Water Board staff will solicit comments on workshop materials and will consider this information prior to the decision-making process. Written comments will also be accepted following the meeting. Please see, “How to submit written comments,” below.

Background

The Central Coast Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Coast region. The Basin Plan is the Central Coast Water Board’s master water quality control planning document and was first adopted in 1975. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses and water quality objectives for waters of the state within the Central Coast region, including surface waters and groundwaters. It also includes programs of implementation to achieve water quality objectives. The Basin Plan may be amended in accordance with California Water Code section 13240 et seq. The Basin Plan and amendments to the Basin Plan are adopted by the Central Coast Water Board and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, where required. The current Basin Plan was adopted by the Central Coast Water Board in June 2024.²

Purpose of CEQA Scoping

The purpose of CEQA is to identify significant adverse environmental impacts, if any, associated with a particular action carried out or approved by a public agency (in this case, adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment), and how to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible. CEQA scoping is an effective way to identify and resolve concerns of affected public agencies and interested persons. This meeting will provide participants with:

- 1) an explanation and understanding of the proposed Basin Plan amendment under development;
- 2) an opportunity to comment on the proposed Basin Plan amendment; and
- 3) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental information to be included in a draft Substitute Environmental Documentation pursuant to CEQA³ and the Central Coast Water Board’s CEQA certified regulatory program for water quality control plans.⁴

Accordingly, the CEQA scoping meeting will help Central Coast Water Board staff in developing the proposed Basin Plan amendment; identifying what, if any significant,

² June 2024 Basin Plan:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/docs/2024_basin_plan_r3.pdf

³ Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.

⁴ Public Resources Code section 21080.5; CCR, title 14, section 15251(g), and title 23, section 3775 et seq.

unintended adverse environmental impacts could occur; and identifying alternatives that could reduce or minimize any significant, unintended adverse environmental impacts.

Who Should Attend

Interested members of the public and representatives of responsible agencies, trustee agencies, other state, federal, and local agencies, environmental groups, Native American tribes, and any other interested persons or entities.

How to Submit Written Comments

Written comments on workshop materials will be accepted through January 9, 2026. Please submit written comments to Jamie Pratt at jamie.pratt@waterboards.ca.gov or:

Attn: Jamie Pratt
Central Coast Water Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Central Coast Water Board staff will not prepare written responses to each individual comment received but will incorporate written responses to all significant environmental points in the report that will be publicly available for review and comment on the Central Coast Water Board's Basin Plan Program website.⁵

Procedural Matters

Participation will be hybrid, either remote via an online hosted platform (Zoom) or in-person (with RSVP). The presentation slides will be shared via video conferencing and available by request following the meeting. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be received during the meeting.

RSVP Required for In-Person Participation

If you would like to participate in person, please respond to Jamie Pratt at jamie.pratt@waterboards.ca.gov or (805) 549-3761 by December 2, 2025.

Language Services

This meeting will be offered in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options at least 10 business days before the meeting, if possible:

- Submit a Language Services Request online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/language-access.html.

⁵ The Central Coast Water Board's Basin Plan Program website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/

- Contact the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) at 916-341-5254 or LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov.

Accessibility

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: TTY (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Future Notices

Central Coast Water Board staff will hold the meeting at the time, place, and link identified above. Any changes will be noticed through the “Basin Planning Triennial Review” e-mail distribution list. To receive future notices about the Basin Plan amendment please visit the Central Coast Water Board’s email subscription list website,⁶ submit the subscriber’s email address, select the checkbox for “Basin Planning Triennial Review,” and then select “submit.”

Contact Information

For questions regarding the meeting or proposed Basin Plan amendment please contact Jamie Pratt at jamie.pratt@waterboards.ca.gov or (805) 549-3761.

⁶ Central Coast Water Board’s email subscription list:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=central_coast