
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 13, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

To Consider Adoption of a Total Maximum Daily Load for Nitrate in the Bell Creek Watershed, Santa Barbara County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider approval of a resolution to adopt a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nitrate in the Bell Creek Watershed (Resolution R3-2013-0012).

The purpose of the TMDL is to protect waters within the Bell Creek Watershed from water quality degradation due to elevated levels of nitrate. The resolution proposes numeric targets to protect beneficial uses, assigns allocations to achieve the numeric targets, and outlines an implementation and monitoring plan to gauge the success of achieving the TMDL. Components of the TMDLs are written in the Project Report.

The draft documents include the Staff Report, Resolution, and Project Report and will be available by February 13, 2013 on the Regional Board's Internet site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/bell_ck_nitrate/index.shtml

The draft documents are also available by request at the office of the Central Coast Water Board; please contact **Larry Harlan at (805) 594-6195 or lharlan@waterboards.ca.gov**.

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday and Friday, May 30-31, 2013**, beginning at 8:30 AM on Thursday in San Luis Obispo, California at the:

Central Coast Water Board Offices
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please check the Central Coast Water Board website prior to the scheduled meeting date for specifics about the meeting agenda, such as which day the Water Board might consider the TMDL. The agenda will be posted at the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2013/2013_agendas.shtml

Interested persons may attend and orally comment at the hearing to consider the proposed resolution to adopt a TMDL for Nitrate in the Bell Creek Watershed. Oral comments should be brief (less than 3 minutes) to allow all interested persons time to be heard and should summarize

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written comments that have been submitted. The Central Coast Water Board may consider this item at any time during the meeting.

Interested persons may submit written comments. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the proposed resolution to adopt a TMDL for Nitrate in the Bell Creek Watershed must submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board at its office in San Luis Obispo no later than **March 16, 2013**. Late comments will not be accepted into the record unless approved by the Chair.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones** at **805-549-3372** at least five working days before the event. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact **Larry Harlan at (805) 594-6195 or (lharlan@waterboards.ca.gov)**, or Chris Rose at (805) 542-4770.

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