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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**To:** Interested Persons

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**Subject:** TRIENNIAL REVIEW – NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The California Water Code (§13240) and the federal Clean Water Act (§303(c)) direct the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) to periodically review and update, as necessary, the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan). This process is known as the Triennial Review. During the Triennial Review, revisions to the Basin Plan are prioritized and implemented through future Basin Plan amendments, based upon available resources. The Regional Water Board, Los Angeles Region, began its 2014-2016 Triennial Review this winter by soliciting data and information on potential issues. Regional Board staff is presently undertaking a comprehensive review of the Basin Plan to identify issues that should be addressed during this period.

The Basin Plan is designed to preserve and enhance water quality and protect the beneficial uses of regional surface and ground waters. Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and ground waters and sets narrative and numerical objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses and conform to the state's anti-degradation policy. Designated beneficial uses, narrative and numeric water quality objectives, and the state's anti-degradation policy, together, comprise the water quality standards for the Los Angeles Region. The Basin Plan also describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the region. In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates (by reference) all applicable State and Regional Water Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations (e.g. California Toxics Rule or CTR, California Ocean Plan, etc.).

During the upcoming review, staff will identify and rank basin planning issues that need to be addressed in the near future. Staff will present the list of priorities to the Regional Water Board for their consideration and approval at a public hearing later this fall. The approved list will guide staff efforts to amend portions of the Basin Plan over the following years.

Public involvement is an important part of this periodic review; therefore, the Regional Water Board invites stakeholders and interested persons to a public meeting to discuss the 2014 – 2016 Triennial Review in advance of the Regional Water Board hearing.

**2014 - 2016 Triennial Review Public Meeting**

**July 22, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Carmel Conference Room**

Interested persons will also be invited to make written comments on the draft list of basin planning priorities prior to the Board hearing. Please share this invitation with other interested persons who may not be included on our distribution list. If you have questions about the Triennial Review process, please contact Dr. Céline Gallon at (213) 576-6784 or [Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Celine.Gallon@waterboards.ca.gov). We look forward to your continued participation in our efforts to protect water quality.