

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report  
Thursday, August 11, 2016  
Regional Water Board Office  
Santa Rosa, California

**ITEM:** 4

**SUBJECT:** Update on Russian River Watershed Pathogen Indicator Bacteria TMDL (*Charles Reed and Alydda Mangelsdorf*)

**BOARD ACTION:** This is an informational item only. No action will be taken by the Regional Water Board.

**BACKGROUND:** A draft Russian River Watershed Pathogen Indicator Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Staff Report and Action Plan (draft Staff Report and TMDL Action Plan) was released for public review on August 21, 2015, for a 45-day public comment period. Three staff-led workshops were held within the Russian River watershed during September 2015, which were attended by approximately 160 people. During the written public comment period, the Regional Water Board received a total of 84 public comment letters. On November 19, 2015, Regional Water Board staff provided an update to the Regional Board to summarize major comments received, to describe potential revisions, and identify next steps.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff is currently revising the draft Staff Report and TMDL Action Plan to address major comments, improve the draft implementation program, develop agreements with counties, and provide better clarity of requirements to affected parties. Staff anticipates releasing a revised public review draft Staff Report and TMDL Action Plan in late summer. In this information item staff will:

- 1) Provide an overview of the current concept to determine the geographic boundaries in which TMDL requirements for onsite wastewater treatment systems will apply,
- 2) Update on the content and progress of developing an MOU with the County of Sonoma,
- 3) Update the status on State Board's Proposed Statewide Water Contact Recreation Bacteria Objectives, and
- 4) Briefly summarize staff efforts to identify funding opportunities to assess and repair failing onsite wastewater treatment systems (to be addressed in more detail in agenda item number 6).
- 5) Identify next steps and the schedule for public review and Board consideration of the TMDL Action Plan.

**SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGES:** NA

**SUPPORTING  
MATERIALS:** Russian River TMDL webpage:  
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