

## Gualala River TMDL Action Plan Development July 2024 Update

You are receiving this email because you have signed up on the North Coast Water Board's email distribution list to receive regular updates on the Gualala River Watershed Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Action Plan development (project).

Third Quarter 2024 Update:

The public comment period for comments pertaining to CEQA is now closed. Comments submitted will be reviewed by Regional Board staff and will be available to the public as part of the environmental documentation package. If you have any questions related to the CEQA public process, please contact Nick Fetherston at [Nicholas.Fetherston@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Fetherston@waterboards.ca.gov).

Regional Board staff are in the early stages of developing an Order, or Orders, that will require the inventory, assessment, and prioritization of the treatment of roads to control sources of sediment. These orders will be a part of the implementation strategy for the TMDL. Information regarding the Orders will be provided through this email distribution list as it becomes available.

While the final California State budget has yet to be provided, it continues to appear as if the Budget Change Proposal from the Regional Board has been approved. If it remains unchanged from the 2024 May Revise, the proposal provides three new staff and \$1 million a year for five years to complete the Basin Planning Amendment, Order development, and subsequent implementation actions. The Region will be actively hiring these staff in the coming months alongside continued work on the Basin Plan amendment and implementing Orders.

For background information on this project, please see our project webpage which includes announcements, past quarterly updates, a project fact sheet, and staff contact information. The project webpage can be found here:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/tmdls/gualala\\_river/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/gualala_river/)

Regional Board staff will continue to provide quarterly updates throughout the development of the project. Please forward this email and/or direct interested individuals or groups to subscribe at the following link for timely project information:

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If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to know how to get further involved, please feel free to contact Nick Fetherston (Project Manager), at (707) 570-3761, or by email at [Nicholas.Fetherston@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Fetherston@waterboards.ca.gov) or Lisa Bernard (Program Manager), at (707) 576-2677, or by email at [Lisa.Bernard@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.Bernard@waterboards.ca.gov)