



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE SURVEY

2024 REVIEW OF STATE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS AND POLICIES FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has released the online survey for the 2024 Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality Control (2024 Review of State Plans and Policies).

The State Water Board is conducting the online survey to gather initial feedback from the public, interested persons, governmental agencies, and tribes on suggested changes or additions to state water quality control plans and state policies for water quality control (state plans and policies), including federally promulgated water quality standards and recommended criteria. The State Water Board will consider the initial feedback gathered from the survey to help identify and prioritize potential changes or additions to state plans and policies, along with ongoing rulemaking projects, in an upcoming Draft Staff Report and Work Plan for the 2024 Review of State Plans and Policies. There will be additional opportunities to engage and provide input on these issues when the State Water Board releases the Draft Staff Report and Work Plan for public comment and holds a public hearing.

ONLINE SURVEY PERIOD

The online survey will be open to all interested persons during the following date range:

November 21st - December 23rd, 2024
[2024 Review of Plans and Policies Online Survey](#)

If language assistance is needed for the online survey, please contact the Office of Public Participation at (916) 341-5254 or at LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov.

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BACKGROUND

State plans and policies contain water quality standards and other provisions established by the State Water Board to preserve and enhance California's waters to safeguard human health, support aquatic ecosystems, improve the quality of water resources, and protect beneficial uses of waters.

The State Water Board conducts periodic and triennial reviews of state plans and policies, as required by the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.) and consistent with Clean Water Act section 303(c)(1) and (c)(2), and the implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. 131.20. (See Wat. Code, §§ 13143, 13170, 13170.2, subd. (b), 13240.) The purpose of the review is to assess the adequacy of the state plans and policies, as well as applicable water quality standards, to help guide the State Water Board's priorities for future amendments to state plans and policies. The review, however, is not a rulemaking. The amendment of state plans and policies is subject to rulemaking procedures and requirements, including compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act and public participation requirements. The State Water Board will provide a separate public notice when it initiates the amendment process for any state plan or policy.

For 2024, the State Water Board will be conducting its periodic review and triennial review in a single combined proceeding. The State Plans and Policies that will be reviewed as part of this project include the following:

State Water Quality Control Plans:

- Bay-Delta Plan
- California Ocean Plan
- California Thermal Plan
- Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan
- Components of the Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries Plan

State Policies for Water Quality Control:

- Antidegradation Policy
- Aquatic Toxicity Provisions
- Cannabis Policy
- Compliance Schedule Policy
- Consolidated Cleanup Plan
- Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Policy
- Guidance for Toxic Hot Spot Policy
- Impaired Waters Policy
- Instream Flows Policy
- Investigation and Cleanup and Abatement of Dischargers under Water Code Section 13304
- Listing Policy
- Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Closure Policy

- Municipal Solid Waste Policy
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Enforcement Policy
- Once-Through Cooling Water Policy for Coastal and Estuarine Waters
- Once-Through Cooling Water Policy for Inland Waters
- Pollutant Policy Document for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary
- Recycled Water Policy
- Sources of Drinking Water Policy
- State Implementation Policy
- State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State
- Supplemental Environmental Projects Policy
- Water Reclamation Policy

In addition to reviewing these State Plans and Policies, the 2024 Review of State Plans and Policies will include a review of the federally promulgated water quality standards for California (40 C.F.R. §§ 131.36, 131.37 and 131.38) and Clean Water Act section 304(a) recommended criteria.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Additional information for the 2024 Review of State Plans and Policies is available on the 2024 Review of State Plans and Policies [webpage](#). For more information about the review process and anticipated timeline, please refer to the 2024 Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality Control Fact Sheet. A full list of all state plans and policies, including their program pages are available on the Plans and Policies [webpage](#). The working draft Comparison Table of the U.S. EPA's California Toxics Rule Criteria, Water Quality Objectives Established by the Water Boards, and U.S. EPA Recommended Clean Water Act section 304(a) Criteria can be found [here](#).

FUTURE NOTICES AND STAYING INVOLVED

Relevant documents and information, including any changes to the information noticed above will be provided via the State Water Board's email distribution list for the Review of State Plans and Policies. Any person desiring to receive future communications and notices via email must subscribe to the listserv e-mail distribution list by accessing the following e-mail list subscription form:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

To subscribe, expand the "Water Quality" tab, and check the box for "Review of State Plans and Policies."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Date


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