

State Water Resources Control Board

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STATE WATER BOARD ASKS PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON REVISIONS TO 303(d) LIST;

Federal Clean Water Act Requires States to Review and Update List

SACRAMENTO - The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has scheduled public hearings on the status of various California bodies of water, as required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

Every two years, under the Act, states submit the "Section 303(d)" list to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

For each identified water body on the list, the SWRCB includes a description of the associated pollutants, and the priority ranking of the water body for the purpose of developing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL - maximum load of a pollutant that can be discharged without exceeding water quality standards).

The SWRCB will hear public comments on the proposed revisions to the list. The hearings, each beginning at 9:00 a.m., will be held May 23 and May 24 at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building in Sacramento (1001 I Street, 2nd Floor Coastal Hearing Room), and May 30 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario (222 North Vineyard Avenue). A copy of the hearing notice is available at www.swrcb.ca.gov.

The draft proposal is posted on the SWRCB website at: www.swrcb.ca.gov/303dupdate.html. All comments on the proposal must be received by May 16, 2002.

The SWRCB will submit its proposed changes to the Section 303(d) list to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by October 1, 2002.

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