



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE COMPLIANCE PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the Department of Transportation's (Department) proposed Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Compliance Plan required under its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Order ([Order](#)). After this 30-day comment period, the State Water Board will consider comments and approval of the proposed ASBS Compliance Plan with any revisions necessary to comply with the Order.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed ASBS Compliance Plan is available on the State Water Board web page, [California Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System \(MS4\) Program](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the proposed ASBS Compliance Plan. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 noon on September 6, 2024**, to be considered. Written comments may be submitted by:

1. Email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line "**Comment Letter: ASBS Compliance Plan**," or
2. Fax to (916) 341-5620, or
3. Send to

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Couriers hand delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

BACKGROUND

ASBS are located along California's coastline, support an unusual variety of aquatic life, and host unique species. The Order requires the Department to develop and submit a proposed ASBS Compliance Plan that provides its plan for stormwater mitigation in five ASBS (Redwood National Park, James V. Fitzgerald, Año Nuevo, Laguna Point to Latigo Point, and Carmel Bay). The State Water Board is hereby providing a 30-day public comment period and will consider public comments prior to consideration of approval of the proposed ASBS Compliance Plan.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Department's stormwater permit or its reissuance, including any changes to this public notice, may sign-up for the appropriate email list as follows:

1. Access the [email subscription form](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb),
2. Enter an email address,
3. Press "Submit",
4. Re-enter the email address,
5. If desired, enter and re-enter a password to password-protect your subscriber preferences,
6. Check the box to consent to our data privacy policy,
7. Press "Submit",
8. Check the box for "Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues", nested under the "Water Quality" heading,
9. Press "Submit".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct requests for a paper copy of the proposed ASBS Compliance Plan to Sheena Dhillon Nat at sheena.dhillon@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 1, 2024
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board