

## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLS) FOR TOXICITY AND PESTICIDES IN THE SANTA MARIA RIVER WATERSHED IN SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, AND VENTURA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin that would establish TMDLs for Toxicity and Pesticides in the Santa Maria River Watershed (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on January 30, 2014 (Resolution No. R3-2014-0009), and is available for review at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/santa\\_maria/pesticide/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/santa_maria/pesticide/index.shtml).

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Peter Meertens at (805) 549-3869.

**REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS.** The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Central Coast Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg3\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml)

and select "Santa Maria Watershed TMDL." The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Central Coast Water Board contact identified below.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on May 21, 2014**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); or by fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, 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)

Please also indicate in the subject line, “**Comment Letter—Santa Maria Pesticide TMDL**”

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS** (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)).  
The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Central Coast Water Board.
2. If the Central Coast Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Central Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Central Coast Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Central Coast Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Peter Meertens, Environmental Scientist at Central Coast Water Board, at (805) 549-3869 or [peter.meertens@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:peter.meertens@waterboards.ca.gov) ; or Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5168 or [jessica.jahr@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.jahr@waterboards.ca.gov).

April 18, 2014  
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