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## **State Water Resources Control Board**

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN – TRIENNIAL REVIEW Wednesday, September 22, 2010 – 10:00 am

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public hearing to seek input on potential revisions to the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan). A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken. A live audio broadcast and webcast will be available at <a href="http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/">http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/</a>.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments from the public regarding any and all issues relevant to the Ocean Plan. For example, comments may involve: 1) the proposed amendments currently being considered by SWRCB staff; 2) the unresolved, outstanding issues from previous Triennial Reviews; and/or 3) any other issue that the commentator may feel is important to consider for future amendments to the Ocean Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The 2009 Ocean Plan was recently adopted by the State Water Board and approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Amendments made for the 2009 Ocean Plan included non-substantive changes, such as the clarification that metals are expressed as total recoverable metals; the removal of Section III (F)(1) on compliance schedules and the addition of Section III (G)(1) on Compliance Schedules in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits; the correction of toxicity definitions and references in Appendix 1; the addition of maps of California's ocean waters, bays, and estuaries; and an updated list of exceptions in Appendix VII. Staff is currently preparing amendments for model monitoring (2005-2008 Triennial Review Issues 15, 17, and 18), replacing the current invalid radioactivity numeric objective (based on human health) for marine aquatic life with a narrative objective (2005-2008 Triennial Review Issue 13), and salinity objectives/desalination (2005-2008 Triennial Review Issue 10).

#### **AVAILABLILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

Existing documents may help familiarize interested parties with past and current issues related to the Ocean Plan. An informational scoping document on the proposed Ocean Plan amendments (2007) and the 2005-2008 Triennial Review Workplan may be obtained on the SWRCB web site at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ocean">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ocean</a>. You may also receive copies by writing or calling: Emily Siegel, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100; (916) 341-7338, FAX (916) 341-5545; or by email at <a href="mailto:esiegel@waterboards.ca.gov">esiegel@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

#### SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The SWRCB will accept both written and oral suggestions on the issues, which should be addressed in the next Ocean Plan amendment. Comments should include the rationale for selecting identified issues. Written comments are due by 12:00 noon on September 10, 2010 and should be submitted to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100; (916) 341-5600; FAX (916) 341-5545; email: <a href="mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov">commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</a>. Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – California Ocean Plan."

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July 27, 2010	Geanine Townsend
Date	Jeanine Townsend
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