

California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND BOARD HEARING

Concerning Proposed Amendment of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* to Incorporate Applicable Provisions of Statewide Plans and Policies and Improve Clarity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that written comments will be accepted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (North Coast Water Board), on the following:

- Proposed Amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan)
- Staff Report 2025 Remediation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan)

Persons wishing to comment on the Basin Plan Remediation project documents must submit comments in writing to the North Coast Water Board not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2025.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the North Coast Water Board will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the Staff Report and Resolution.

The public hearing is scheduled for June 12th or 13th, 2025, at 9:00am in the North Coast Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California. This meeting is scheduled to occur both at the physical meeting location and with an option for remote participation via video and teleconference. Live video and audio broadcasts of the public meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public meeting live webcasts webpage](https://video.calepa.ca.gov) (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>). The meeting will be recorded.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the Board's website at least 10 days in advance of the Board's meetings. The agenda will specify any updates to the meeting format. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Meetings webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/).

Overview

The Basin Plan contains the water quality standards and regulations adopted by the North Coast Water Board to control the discharge of waste and other factors affecting the quality of waters of the state within the boundaries of the North Coast Region. It is amended from time to time to incorporate new beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and programs of implementation, including monitoring programs, and to conduct substantive and non-substantive revisions of existing language.

The 2023 Triennial Review included the 2025 Basin Plan Remediation project in the approved Planning Program Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024-2027. The Basin Plan amendments in this project are entirely non-regulatory and editorial in nature. Proposed changes generally fall into the following categories: 1) incorporate applicable provisions of statewide water quality control plans and policies, 2) improve clarity and consistency of the Basin Plan, and 3) correct typographical errors.

Document Availability

The proposed amendments and Staff Report supporting the proposed changes are available and can be viewed at the North Coast Water Board's [Basin Plan webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/). These files can also be viewed or copied by contacting or visiting the North Coast Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for document reviews and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Public Comments

Written comments regarding the Staff Report and proposed amendments must be submitted and received by the North Coast Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2025. Electronically submitted comments in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) can be sent to NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (707) 523-0135 or mailed to Planning Unit, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Written comments received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the North Coast Water Board Chair.

Staff request that comments on the Staff Report and proposed amendments be submitted with the subject line "Comments on Basin Plan Remediation."

Oral comments will also be accepted at the hearing. The time limit for oral comments will be 5 minutes; however, additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the North Coast Water Board Chair. A timer may be used, and speakers are expected to honor time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson to avoid unnecessary or repetitive presentations.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Deidre Wilkerson at 707-576-2929 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The North Coast Water Board hearing room is accessible. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

North Coast Water Board Staff Contact

Questions regarding the 2025 Basin Plan Remediation project should be directed to: Planning Unit, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, by phone at 707-576-2929 or email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov with "Basin Plan" as part of the subject.

For future updates on the Basin Plan, please [subscribe to the email list](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=north_coast) by visiting our subscription site and choosing "Basin Planning" after entering your email address.