REVISED
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Extension of Comment Period and New Board Hearing Date

To allow for an extension of the public comment period concerning the proposed amendment to the California Ocean Plan regarding designating State Water Quality Protection Areas to protect Marine Protection Areas, the comment period for these documents has been extended until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The Board Hearing will be at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN REGARDING DESIGNATING STATE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AREAS TO PROTECT MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND THE DRAFT SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive public input and comments on the proposed amendment to the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) related to the State Water Board Resolutions 2010-0057 and 2011-0013, designation of State Water Quality Protection Areas and Marine Protected Areas, and the draft substitute environmental documentation for the proposed amendment. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken. The location and time of the public hearing is provided below.

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr.-Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The Ocean Plan establishes water quality standards for California's ocean waters and provides the basis for regulation of wastes discharged into the State's near-coastal ocean waters. The Ocean Plan applies to point and nonpoint source discharges.

Section 13170.2 of the California Water Code directs the State Water Board to formulate and adopt a water quality control plan for ocean waters of California. The State Water Board first adopted the Ocean Plan in 1972. The current 2009 Ocean Plan is available from the State Water Board's Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml.

The State Water Board adopted the Ocean Plan Triennial Review Workplan for 2011-2013 by Resolution 2011-0013 on March 15, 2011. The Workplan identifies numerous issues for which further action is needed. Issue 1, which as given very high priority, relates to the proposed State Water Quality Protection Areas amendment. The Ocean Plan Triennial Review Workplan 2011-2013 is available from the State Water Board's Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml

On July 8, 2011, the State Water Board held a public scoping meeting to seek input on the proposed amendment to the Ocean Plan. The scoping document is available from the State Water Board's Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment to the Ocean Plan and documents, including the Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation, are available on the State Water Board's Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/index.shtml.

To subscribe to an email list for future notifications about the proposed non-substantive amendments, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and choose "California Ocean Plan (COP)".

Additional information on the hearing in Sacramento can be found at the State Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed amendment. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on April 18, 2012** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **"Comment Letter – California Ocean Plan Amendments."**

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At this hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. At the hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral

presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml at the State Water Board's Web site. Questions concerning the hearing may also be directed to Mr. Chris Beegan at (916) 341-5577 or Ms. Emily Siegel at (916) 341-7338.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm. The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to **Ms. Johanna Weston at (916) 327-8117 (JWeston@waterboards.ca.gov).**

February 28, 2012
Date

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board