

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

NOTICE of PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

for
the Action Plan for the Scott River Watershed
Sediment and Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

This public notice is to inform interested persons that the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will hold three public workshops to receive comments on a draft amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) that will add the *Action Plan for the Scott River Watershed Sediment and Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads* (Scott River TMDL Action Plan).

Interested parties may have already received an earlier notice of public workshops. This notice includes additional information on a third workshop in Arcata. The workshops in Santa Rosa and Yreka have not changed.

<u>Santa Rosa Public Workshop*</u>	<u>Yreka Public Workshop</u>	<u>Arcata Public Workshop</u>
Date: October 12, 2005	Date: October 18, 2005	Date: October 19, 2005
Time: sometime after 9:00 a.m.	Time: 6:00 p.m.	Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Regional Water Board Hearing Room 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 707-576-2220	Place: Best Western Miner's Inn Convention Center 122 E. Miner Street Yreka, CA 530-842-4355	Place: The North Coast Inn Banquet Room 4975 Valley West Blvd. Arcata, CA 707-822-4861

* The Santa Rosa workshop will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Water Board. Please see the Agenda for more information at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/agenda/10_2005/10_2005.html

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the workshops is to provide an overview of and solicit public comments on the Scott River TMDL Action Plan. The Regional Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the North Coast Region. The Scott River watershed is listed as impaired by elevated water temperatures and excessive amounts of sediment that exceed water quality objectives. Staff of the Regional Water Board developed the draft Scott River TMDL Action Plan and supporting draft Staff Report to address sediment and temperature impairments. Additional or alternate regulations or policies consistent with and complimentary to the general purpose of the Scott River TMDL Action Plan are under consideration or may be developed as a logical outgrowth of the Scott River TMDL Action Plan.

The Regional Water Board Hearing to consider adoption of the Scott River TMDL Action Plan is scheduled for December 7, 2005 in Yreka, CA.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The draft Scott River TMDL Action Plan and draft Staff Report are available at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/programs/tmdl/scott/scott.html> or by calling 707-576-2220.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period started on September 20, 2005, and will end on November 3, 2005. An opportunity to present oral and/or written comments will be available during the workshops and during the public comment period. Submission of written comments is encouraged. Written comments must be received by November 3, 2005. Written responses to the comments received during the public comment period, including the workshops will be prepared for the record. Please submit written comments to: Regional Water Board; 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A; Santa Rosa, CA, 95403; Attn: Mr. Ben Zabinsky.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a workshop should contact Jean Lockett at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled workshop. The Santa Rosa workshop location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

CONTACT PERSON

Questions regarding the Scott River TMDL Action Plan or the workshops should be directed to Mr. Ben Zabinsky at 707-576-6750 or zbabinsky@waterboards.ca.gov.