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The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has proposed an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan amendment) to 1) correct errors in freshwater objective calculation formulas for selected metals to be consistent with the California Toxics Rule (CTR) or National Toxics Rule (NTR); 2) clarify that other applicable policies, regulations, and guidance aside from the State Implementation Policy (SIP) may be used when developing dilution credits for non-priority pollutants; 3) allow establishment of alternative cyanide dilution credits and mercury concentration triggers to reflect changes in wastewater treatment operations; and 4) general cleanup to add clarifications, update obsolete information, and improve document formatting.

The draft staff report serves as the substitute environmental documentation required under the Water Board's certified regulatory program and includes the required environmental analyses of the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

Written comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023. The Water Board will consider adopting a resolution to approve the Basin Plan amendment and the substitute environmental document at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Elihu M. Harris Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

The Public Notice including more detailed information on the public review and hearing, and the Draft Staff Report can be viewed on the Water Board's "Public Notices and Documents for Review:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#basin page

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