
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD FOR SETTLEMENT OFFER NO. R9-2026-0032 RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF ORDER NO. R9-2017-0020, NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM NO. CA0108952 FOR SWEETWATER AUTHORITY, RICHARD A. REYNOLDS DESALINATION FACILITY, CHULA VISTA

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing, for public review and comment, Settlement Offer No. R9-2026-0032 *Related to Violations of Order No. R9-2017-0020, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CA0108952 for Sweetwater Authority, Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility, Chula Vista* (Settlement Offer). The Settlement Offer is an agreement between Sweetwater Authority (Discharger) and the San Diego Water Board to address alleged violations of Order No. R9-2017-0020, NPDES No. CA0108952, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Sweetwater Authority Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility Discharge to the Lower Sweetwater River Basin* (Order). To resolve the alleged violations without formal administrative proceedings, the Discharger has agreed to pay the mandatory minimum penalties related to alleged violations in the amount of \$6,000.

Document Availability

A copy of the Settlement Offer is available for download and review at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Written Comment Period

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board is accepting written comments on the Settlement Offer. Written comments are due by **5:00 pm on April 13, 2026**.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Settlement Offer during the public comment period by e-mail to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov or by mail to the Executive Office at the San Diego Water Board at:

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Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments “Comment – Settlement Offer No. R9-2026-0032, 259791:CSmith.” The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the deadline. All comments timely received will be provided to the San Diego Water Board, or its delegate, to consider whether to accept or deny the Settlement Offer. The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the Settlement Offer.

Contact Information

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