NOTICE OF FILING OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA, PROJECT I – BEACHES AND CREEKS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is considering a Basin Plan amendment to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria, Project I – Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region. This action is being proposed to meet requirements of section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under section 13240 of the Water Code. The Basin Plan amendment will be a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the San Diego Water Board will be the lead agency. The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter.

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Action on the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare environmental documents under the CEQA [Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*] and other applicable laws and regulations. In compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board's CEQA implementation regulations [23 CCR 3720 *et seq.*] the San Diego Water Board has prepared a technical report, a draft of the Basin Plan amendment, and environmental checklist form for this project [23 CCR 3776]. These documents will be available on June 25, 2007 for a 30-day public review and comment period. The documents may be viewed at the San Diego Water Board office, or on the web page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/.

DRAFT TECHNICAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

In response to the comments received, the San Diego Water Board made revisions to certain sections of the draft Technical Report and appendices. New text is <u>underlined</u> and deleted text is struck through in the draft Technical Report. Responses to previously submitted comments are available in Appendix S.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments. The San Diego Water Board requests that comments be submitted by July 25, 2007. Comments should be submitted in either MS WORD or pdf format to Mr. Phil Hammer by email: phammer@waterboards.ca.gov.

Responses to comments received during the June-July 2007 comment period will be prepared. The San Diego Water Board will deliberate and consider adopting the Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria, Project I — Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region at a future board meeting.

Any questions or comments regarding this Notice or the TMDLs in Project I - Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region may be sent to Mr. Hammer at (858) 627-3988, or email at phammer@waterboards.ca.gov.

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