

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan)

PUBLIC HEARING

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday June 8, 2011

San Diego Water Board Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123

THE BASIN PLAN REVIEW

The Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) establishes water quality standards applicable within the San Diego Region, and periodic review is required by state and federal law [California Water Code §13240, federal Clean Water Act §303(c)(1)]. The Basin Plan review is sometimes referred to as a “triennial review” because federal law specifies that a review be done every three years.

The product of the Basin Plan review is a “short list” of suggested revisions which, when adopted, serves to guide future staff work in investigating and developing proposed Basin Plan amendments to be considered for adoption by the San Diego Water Board. Investigation, development, and possible adoption of a Basin Plan amendment is separate from and occurs after completion of the Basin Plan review process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As part of its 2011 Basin Plan review process, the San Diego Water Board solicited and received suggestions for Basin Plan revisions. The San Diego Water Board formed a Triennial Review Advisory Committee (TRAC), consisting of stakeholders representing various interests, to help determine which of the suggestions to include on the short list.

PUBLIC HEARING

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public hearing on the Basin Plan review. After the hearing, Board members will consider adoption of a resolution approving the 2011 Basin Plan review and adopting a short list of suggested revisions to work on over the next three years. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The tentative resolution, proposed short list, and staff report will be available for public review on April 22, 2011. They can be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.shtml.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The formal public review period will begin April 22, 2011 and end June 8, 2011. Interested persons may submit written comments on the documents and/or present oral testimony at the hearing.

Written comments are requested by May 23, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Comments received by May 23, 2011 will be responded to in writing and provided to the San Diego Water Board members in advance of the public hearing. Comments received after May 23, 2011 will be responded to at the hearing.

Comments should be submitted via email to dwoodward@waterboards.ca.gov (MS WORD or pdf format). Comments on paper should be submitted to: Ms. Deborah Woodward
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DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Directions to the hearing location are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/. On-site parking is available, and the facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least five working days prior to the hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

STAFF CONTACT

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Deborah Woodward at (858) 637-5586.

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April 18, 2011