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From: Mike Blankinship <Mike@h2osci.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 2:42 PM

**To:** Neill, Ben@Waterboards

Cc: Shaun Hyde (shaunh@sepro.com)

**Subject:** RE: Public Notice - Order No. R9-2012-0063,

Hi Ben; a few things;

Page 5, F1. Delete "by limiting nutrient availability to algae and aquatic weeds."

This is needed to avoid the interpretation of this sentence as claiming that Phoslock has some herbicidal activity which is not permitted by EPA.

Page 10, i) Turbidity. Change the last sentence in the last paragraph from "With these two exceptions...." to "For Lagoons and estuaries....".

This makes the sentence more clear and does not change the meaning.

Please call me with any questions.

Regards,

Mike

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From: Neill, Ben@Waterboards [mailto:Ben.Neill@waterboards.ca.gov]

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Cc: Morris, Bob@Waterboards

Subject: Public Notice - Order No. R9-2012-0063,

To whom it may concern,

You have been identified as a potential interested party in the adoption hearing for Tentative Order No. R9-2012-0063 by the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board). If this in error, please notify me to correct the interested parties list. Please forward this notice to any other parties that you believe may be interested in this Tentative Order.

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The San Diego Water Board is proposing to issue General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CAG999003 (Tentative Order No. R9-2012-0063) for the discharge of lanthanum-modified clay to surface waters of the United States in the San Diego Region. Lanthanum-modified clay may be applied to surface waters in the San Diego region to bind excess free phosphorus to improve water quality by limiting nutrient availability to algae and aquatic weeds. The initial Report of Waste Discharge was submitted by the County of Orange for the discharge of Phoslock brand lanthanum-modified clay to Laguna Niguel Lake.

Comments on the Tentative Order are due by Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 5 PM . The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the San Diego Water Board's December 12, 2012 meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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