
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report for the San Diego Region 2018 “Off-Cycle” Assessments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a public meeting on **February 12, 2020**, to consider a resolution for adoption of the proposed Clean Water Act (CWA) section 305(b) Report for the San Diego Region (305(b) Report). As a result of the 2018 “Off-Cycle” assessments, the San Diego Region is only proposing additions to the 305(b) Report. No listings or de-listings under CWA Section 303(d) are proposed. The Public Meeting will be held during the San Diego Water Board Meeting scheduled as follows:

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020
9:00 a.m.
San Diego Water Board, Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108**

CWA section 305(b) requires each state to report biennially to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on the water quality conditions of its waters. CWA section 303(d) requires each state to develop, update, and submit biennially to the USEPA a list of water bodies or segments that are “impaired or threatened,” which either do not meet, or are not expected to meet, water quality standards. CWA 305(b) and 303(d) are typically combined into an “Integrated Report.” In California, the Integrated Report is released in “cycles” with each cycle occurring every two years, on even numbered years, consisting of three Regional Water Boards per cycle. The San Diego Water Board is currently “off-cycle” for the 2018 Integrated Report but chose to conduct assessments on readily-available biological and habitat data that resulted in proposed additions to the section 305(b) Report only. Thus, the proposed San Diego Water Board 2018 Report does not include any water body assessments for listing or delisting under CWA 303(d). The San Diego Water Board is “on cycle” for the 2020 Integrated Report (data solicitation period ended on June 14, 2019), when a more comprehensive assessment will be conducted and result in updates to both the section 305(b) and 303(d) Reports. The State Water Board anticipates a hearing on the 2020 “on-cycle” Integrated Report to occur in August 2021.

The San Diego Water Board will release the draft 305(b) Report for public review and comment on **November 22, 2019**, and the written public comment period will close on **December 23, 2019**. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on December 23, 2019. Comments should be submitted to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov in text searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) or Microsoft Word format. Written comments can also be submitted via regular mail to the San Diego Water Board office at 2375 Northside Drive, San Diego, CA 92108. Please indicate in the subject line of the email or comment letter “Comment – CWA Section 305(b) Report, Attn: Carey Nagoda.”

Written comments, responses to comments (RTC), and a revised 305(b) Report based on comments received will be included in a meeting agenda package and provided to the San Diego Water Board members in advance of the public meeting. Comments should be limited in scope to the water bodies assessed in the draft 305(b) Report. **Verbal** comments on the revised 305(b) Report will be accepted by the Board during the meeting and shall be limited to the identification and assessment of the specific water bodies within the staff report. The San Diego Water Board will consider the proposed 305(b) Report and public comments (received during the written comment period as well as verbally during the meeting), will deliberate, and may approve a resolution to adopt the 305(b) Report at the close of the meeting.

If adopted by the San Diego Water Board, the 305(b) Report and associated documents will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and subsequently to USEPA.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft “off-cycle” 305(b) Report and comments received during the public comment period will be available and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board’s office (see address above) or online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/303d_list/

The meeting package, which will include the revised 305(b) Report, public comments, and RTC, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/. The Board’s meeting agenda may also indicate any changes in the meeting location and provide other specific information concerning this matter.

ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

To receive future notices pertaining to the 305(b) Report and Integrated Reports, please subscribe to the “Section 303d List” electronic mailing list at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.html

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the San Diego Water Board Office, please refer to: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/. Two-hour free parking is available on a first-come first-served basis, and long-term fee parking is available in an adjacent parking structure. The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. The facility is also accessible via public transit.

Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Chris Blank at (619) 521-3382 or Chris.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the above subject to Carey Nagoda at (619) 521-3003 or carey.nagoda@waterboards.ca.gov.