

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, PUBLIC WORKSHOP, and PUBLIC HEARING
for
Tentative Order R9-2023-0012, NPDES Permit CAG039001,
General Waste Discharge Requirements for
Discharges from Shipyards to San Diego Bay**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing Tentative Order R9-2023-0012, NPDES Permit CAG039001, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Shipyards to San Diego Bay* (Draft General Permit), for public review and comment. The San Diego Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order at its regularly scheduled meeting on **May 10, 2023**. The General Permit, if adopted, will regulate discharges associated with shipyards to San Diego Bay.

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public workshop on the Draft General Permit on **March 22, 2023**. The purpose of the workshop is for the San Diego Water Board to receive information and discuss proposed requirements in the Draft General Permit.

Background

BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair Inc., Continental Maritime of San Diego, and General Dynamic National Steel and Shipbuilding Company are shipyards that are located adjacent to San Diego Bay. These shipyards construct, modify, repair, and maintain naval and other marine vessels. The discharges of industrial stormwater and industrial wastewater from these facilities to San Diego Bay are currently regulated through separate permits. These permits have similar requirements because of their common operations and locations. Rather than requiring each shipyard adjacent to San Diego Bay to apply for a separate permit, the Draft General Permit establishes a streamlined and consistent process for regulating shipyards in San Diego Bay.

If adopted, the Draft General Permit will regulate discharges of industrial stormwater and industrial wastewater from shipyards through effluent limitations, discharge prohibitions, receiving water limitations, and monitoring requirements to protect the beneficial uses of San Diego Bay.

Document Availability

The Draft General Permit and related documents are available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Interested persons may also receive copies of the Draft General Permit by contacting Debbie Phan at (619) 521-3359, Debbie.Phan@waterboards.ca.gov, or by visiting the San Diego Water Board office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Submission of Written Comments

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Draft General Permit.

The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the Draft General Permit. All written comments regarding the Tentative Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023**, to be considered by the San Diego Water Board. Written comments sent by mail must be addressed to the following:

ATTN: Debbie Phan
California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92108-2700

Comments may also be submitted by email to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. The subject line of all written comments via email must include “Comment – Tentative Order R9-2023-0012.”

Public Workshop

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public workshop to engage with potentially impacted communities and to solicit broad community input related to the Draft General Permit. A quorum of the Board may be present; however, no action will be taken. The location and time of the workshop are provided below.

March 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Remote Zoom Meeting

This meeting will occur remotely via a Zoom meeting. Members of the public who wish to observe or to address the San Diego Water Board may do so by using the Zoom platform. Pursuant to Government Code section 11133, one or more board members may participate remotely. Members of the public who wish to attend or comment during the workshop must register to participate at:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jOZTqAGITru_nAtPLb7qfA

At this workshop, San Diego Water Board staff will present information on the Draft General Permit and solicit input from participants. Participants who attend the workshop are encouraged to submit their input as written comments, in addition speaking at the workshop. Staff will provide written responses to written comments at the permit adoption hearing.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Draft General Permit Adoption

A public hearing on the Draft General Permit is expected be held during the Board meeting scheduled at the following time and location:

May 10, 2023, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.

San Diego Water Board Meeting Room

2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100

San Diego, California, 92108

Video broadcast of meetings will be available at:

<https://cal-span.org/>

Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Regulations

The Meeting Notices and Agendas, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location or dates and may provide other specific information concerning the workshop or hearing, will be posted at least ten days prior to the meeting dates at the following webpage:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings are found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647, et seq., and are available upon request. The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The Meeting Notice and Agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Debbie Phan by phone at (619) 521-3359 or email at debbie.phan@waterboards.ca.gov for additional information regarding this workshop or the Draft General Permit. Please share this information with any person who would be interested in this matter.

Date of Notice: March 8, 2023