

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), is releasing Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0006, *An Order Rescinding Order No. 86-22, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Gemstone Polishing Wastewater to Percolation Ponds by Craftstones, Ramona, San Diego County* (Tentative Order), for public review and comment. The Tentative Order, if adopted, will rescind *Order No. 86-22, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Gemstone Polishing Wastewater to Percolation Ponds by Craftstones, Ramona, San Diego County*. The San Diego Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order at its regularly scheduled meeting on **February 14, 2024**.

Document Availability

The Tentative Order and related documents are available online at:

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

Interested persons may receive copies of the Tentative Order by contacting Brandon Bushnell by phone at (619) 521-8044, or by email at Brandon.Bushnell@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 Tentative Order in accordance with this notice.

The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the Tentative Order. All written comments regarding the Tentative Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023**, to be considered by the San Diego Water Board. Written comments sent by mail must be addressed to California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, and ATTN: Brandon Bushnell. Comments can also be submitted by e-mail to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. The subject line of all written comments must include “Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0006.”

The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023**, will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review in advance of the public hearing to consider the adoption of the Tentative Order. The San Diego Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received.

Consistent with State Water Resources Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after **5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023**, will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Public Hearing for Consideration of the Tentative Order

The San Diego Water Board will conduct the public hearing for the proposed rescission at the following time and location:

**February 14, 2024, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Water Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108
San Diego, CA 92108**

Video broadcast of meetings will be available at:

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

The *Meeting Notice and Agenda*, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date 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 hearing 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 Brandon Bushnell by phone at (619) 521-8044, or by email at Brandon.Bushnell@waterboards.ca.gov, for information regarding the above-proposed action. Please share this information with any person who would be interested in this matter.