

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
David Gibson, Executive Officer



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Part A – San Diego Region Staff Activities

1. Second Annual Region 9 Watershed Cleanup Event

Staff Contact: Barry S. Pulver and Cathryn Henning

On September 15, 2011 the Second Annual Region 9 Watershed Cleanup Event was held. Ms. Cathryn Henning of the Monitoring, Assessment, and Research Unit worked with Ms. Shannon Quigley-Raymond of the San Diego River Park Foundation (SDRPF) to locate trash sites along the San Diego River. Several trash sites located beneath the I-805 bridge were identified. This year, San Diego Water Board staff used Personal Leave Program hours to participate in the Watershed Cleanup Event.

Seven Region 9 Water Board staff members (Dianne Broussard, Chiara Clemente, Lori Costa, Cathryn Henning, Bob Morris, Barry Pulver, and James Smith) and three volunteers from the SDRPF spent several hours removing trash from along the San Diego River. The results of the Cleanup Event are impressive:

- 1,190 pounds of trash was removed from the San Diego River habitat.
- Four automobile tires and two wheel rims were removed.
- Two pounds of household batteries were removed and properly disposed.
- Fifteen pounds of waste was recycled.
- E-waste including a DVD player, and CD player, a cell phone, and a CD ROM drive were removed and properly disposed.

Ms. Henning collected several items that were transformed into artwork by local artists. Several pieces of the artwork will be on display in the San Diego Water Board office.

The San Diego River Park Foundation (SDRPF) is a 501 (c) (3) organization that was founded in 2001 to create a trail system and a clean and healthy river system along the 52-mile length of the San Diego River. The SDRPF engages volunteers to create stewardship of the river by facilitating programs to meet the goal of a healthy river and creation of the River Park.

The Healthy River, Healthy Communities (HRHC) Program consists of a volunteer water quality monitoring program and a twice yearly survey of the river to document the presence of trash, invasive nonnative plants, and other data. The Clean and Green and River Rescue team uses the

data to identify areas requiring trash and invasive species removal. This program has resulted in the removal of over 1,300,000 pounds of trash and debris from the river habitat.

The San Diego Water Board appreciates the SDRPF's efforts to restore and maintain the health of the San Diego River. Additional information on the San Diego River Park Foundation can be found on their website: *sandiegoriver.org*

2. Personnel Report

Staff Contact: DiAnne Broussard

Recruitment

The San Diego Water Board has been given approval to recruit to fill three vacant positions: an Environmental Program Manager I to lead Water Quality Restoration and Standards Branch, an Environmental Scientist for the Compliance Assurance Unit and an Executive Assistant to serve the Board and Executive Staff. Certification letters have been sent to candidates in the top three ranks on each hiring list. Announcements have also been posted on the State Personnel Board's web page. We hope to begin conducting interviews within the next few weeks and to have new staff on board by early December. Follow this link to see the announcements.

http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/wvpos_index.htm

Vacant positions for the State and Regional Boards are also posted on the State Board web page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/employment/

The Organizational Chart of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) can be viewed at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/org_charts/orgchart.pdf

Part B – Significant Regional Water Quality Issues

1. Enforcement Actions for September 2011

Staff Contact: Jeremy Haas

During the month of September 2011, the San Diego Water Board initiated the following enforcement actions:

September 2011 Enforcement Actions	Number
Administrative Civil Liability Settlements	2
Cleanup and Abatement Order Addendum	1
Investigative Orders	2
Investigative Order Amendment	1
Notice of Noncompliance with Storm Water Enforcement Act of 1998	3
Staff Enforcement Letters	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>11</i>

A summary of recent regional enforcement actions is provided below. Additional information on violations, enforcement actions, and mandatory minimum penalties is available to the public from the following on-line sources:

State Water Board Office of Enforcement webpage at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/

California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS)
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml

State Water Board GeoTracker database: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order Settlements

Santa Margarita Water District, Rancho Santa Margarita

ACL Order No. R9-2011-0057 was issued to the Santa Margarita Water District on September 14, 2011 for \$900,000 to resolve violations resulting from the discharge of 2.3 million gallons of untreated sewage to Tijeras Creek and the Pacific Ocean in March 2010. As part of the settlement agreement, the Santa Margarita Water District will pay \$450,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board Cleanup and Abatement Account. The remaining liability is suspended upon completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project to (SEP) restore habitat at the Audubon Starr Ranch and completion of an Enhanced Compliance Action (ECA) project to realign the Plano sewage forcemain out of Tijeras Creek. The SEP must be complete by October 15, 2012, and the ECA must be complete by October 1, 2013.

Roripaugh Valley Restoration, LLC, Roripaugh Ranch Development, Temecula

ACL Order No. R9-2011-0056 was issued to Roripaugh Valley Restoration, LLC (RVR) on September 14, 2011 for \$418,150. As part of the Settlement Agreement, RVR will pay an unpaid administrative liability (Order No. R9-2007-0221) that had been issued to previous owners of the Roripaugh Ranch Residential Development Project and bring the site into compliance with an existing section 401 water quality certification and the general construction storm water permit. The San Diego Water Board agreed to release a lien on the property and to forgo administrative civil liability for violations accrued during the ownership transition period.

Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO)

Ametek, Inc., El Cajon

Addendum No. 2 to CAO No. R9-2009-0073 was issued to Ametek, Inc. on September 27, 2011. The addendum changes the Feasibility Study due date to January 31, 2012 and establishes May 30, 2012 as the due date for submission of a Remedial Action Plan. On August 19, 2009, the San Diego Water Board adopted CAO No. R9-2009-0073, *An Order Directing Ametek Inc. to Cleanup and Abate the Effects of Waste and Submit Technical Reports Pertaining to Corrective Actions at the Site of the Former Ketema Facility, 790 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon, California*. Due to unforeseen complexity of the geology and hydrogeology at the site and recent unpredicted groundwater monitoring results, Ametek Inc. has requested additional time to drill and install deeper wells near the former facility to better understand vertical delineation and the extent of contaminants migrating off-site. In addition, more time is needed to complete a fluorescent dye tracer study to fully evaluate the potential hydraulic connectivity along preferential groundwater flow pathways in the vicinity of State Route 67 and Gillespie Field.

Investigative Orders (IO)

City of San Diego, Sanitary Sewer Overflow to Los Penasquitos Creek

IO No. R9-2011-0070 was issued to the City of San Diego on September 28, 2011 to investigate the cause, effects, and response to the discharge of untreated sewage into Los Penasquitos Creek on September 8, 2011. The discharge was caused by a loss of power at Pump Station No. 64 during a regional power blackout. A technical report on the cause, effect, and response is due on October 14, 2011. The IO requires the City to conduct water chemistry and bioassessment monitoring for three months. A final monitoring report is due January 14, 2012.

Citizens Development Corporation and LDG Holdings, LLC, Lake San Marcos

IO No. R9-2011-0033 was issued to Citizens Development Corporation and LDG Holdings, LLC on September 14, 2011 for an investigation of nutrient impairment in Lake San Marcos. A workplan is due December 1, 2011, and a final report is due December 1, 2012.

City of San Diego, Chollas Creek TMDL Monitoring

An amendment to IO No. R9-2004-0277 was issued to the City of San Diego on September 19, 2011 to change the location of a monitoring location. The IO requires the California Department of Transportation and the cities of San Diego, La Mesa and Lemon Grove, the County of San Diego, and the San Diego Unified Port District to conduct a monitoring program to determine compliance with the Chollas Creek diazinon total maximum daily load. The IO was issued on August 13, 2004 and previously amended in December 2006.

Notice of Noncompliance with Storm Water Enforcement Act of 1998, First Notice

Multiple Parties

Notices of Noncompliance (NONC) were sent in September 2011 to three parties for failure to enroll in the statewide General Industrial Storm Water Permit Order No. 97-03-DWQ. The Notices are the first to inform the dischargers that, pursuant to Water Code section 13399.30(a)(2), failure to enroll will subject it to mandatory penalties. If a Notice of Intent to enroll is not submitted within 30 days of a second Notice, the violation will be subject to a mandatory penalty of not less than \$5,000 per year of noncompliance plus staff costs pursuant to Water Code section 13399.33.

Parties Receiving 1st NONC	Location
Diamond Concrete Supply, Inc.	6974 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego
VAS Engineering, Inc.	4750 Viewridge Avenue, San Diego
Express Waste & Recycling	10366 Roselle Street, Suite A, San Diego

Staff Enforcement Letters (SEL)Promenade Mall Development Corporation, San Diego

An SEL was issued to the Promenade Mall Development Corporation on September 20, 2011 for discharging extracted groundwater to Mission Bay without enrolling in Order No. R9-2008-0002 (*General Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for Discharges from Groundwater Extraction Waste to Surface Waters within the San Diego Region except for San Diego Bay*).

America Plaza Owners Association, One America Plaza, San Diego

An SEL was issued to the America Plaza Owners Association on September 13, 2011 for violation of the chronic toxicity effluent limitation of Order No. R9-2007-0034 (*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Temporary Groundwater Extraction and Similar Waste Discharges to San Diego Bay, Tributaries thereto under Tidal Influence, and Storm Drains or other Conveyance Systems Tributary thereto*).

2. Former Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical Facility – Update on Cleanup Activities

Staff Contact: John Anderson

Since the 1980s, environmental site investigations and cleanup activities have been ongoing at the former Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical facility located at 2701 North Harbor Drive in San Diego (Facility). Ryan Aeronautical and its successors (collectively referred to as “TDY”) conducted aerospace manufacturing operations at the Facility and chemical releases (mainly PCBs, Chromium 6, and chlorinated solvents) from these operations have impacted the environment.

The Facility consisted of a 44-acre parcel with buildings occupying approximately 22 acres. From June 2010 to February 2011, the San Diego Unified Port District (Port) removed all remaining buildings down to the foundations. In July 2011 the Port began removing all foundations and subsurface structures, including storm drain laterals and pilings. The Port expects this process to take approximately 9 months to complete. The Port and TDY have a process in place for investigating newly exposed areas beneath buildings and storm drains as demolition occurs. As the structures are removed, environmental consultants inspect the area for signs of spills and leaks not discovered during TDY’s investigations and interim remedial actions. If an area where a potential release may have occurred is identified, TDY is notified. TDY then investigates the area and, if necessary, conducts remediation, typically by excavating contaminated soil. Since July 2011, 85 new potential areas of contamination were identified and investigated. Of these, only six areas exceeded the cleanup levels established in the Cleanup and Abatement Order for the site. These areas were remediated. Based on the current demolition schedule, the final Cleanup and Abatement Completion Report for the land side cleanup should be submitted around July 2012.

The property is held in trust for the State of California by the Port and the property is currently leased to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority). The Airport Authority plans on redeveloping the property for light industrial and commercial use.

3. Status Report – Shipyard Sediment Site Cleanup and Abatement Order and Environmental Impact Report

Staff Contact: Julie Chan

This status report discusses progress made in September 2011 on the Shipyard Sediment Site Cleanup Project.

Environmental Impact Report: The Proposed Final Environmental Impact Report was released to the public on schedule on September 15, 2011. Prior to that release, the Cleanup Team, with the assistance of LSA (the Cleanup Team's California Environmental Quality Act consultant), completed the written responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR). The Proposed Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, revisions to the Draft EIR, and Responses to Comments and Appendices. The Proposed Final EIR can be accessed on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/shipyards_sediment/ceqa.shtml

Revisions to the TCAO and Draft Technical Report: The Cleanup Team also released the revisions to the Tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order (TCAO), Draft Technical Report (DTR), and Response to Comments Report on schedule on September 15th. Revisions to these documents were made by the Cleanup Team in response to comments received on the TCAO and DTR, and in a few cases, on the comments received on the Draft EIR. Other revisions were made by the Cleanup Team to fix typographical, style, format, and other errors in the three documents. The revisions to the TCAO and DTR are minor in nature and do not significantly change any of the findings or conclusions in the TCAO or DTR. The Revisions Report can be accessed on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/shipyards_sediment/docs/sediment_cleanup/cut/updates091511/Revisions_2011-09-15.pdf

Public Hearing: The Advisory Team issued a Notice of Public Hearing containing detailed hearing procedures. The Notice, dated September 19, 2011, also contains detailed requirements, many of which require action by designated parties and interested persons in advance of the hearing dates. According to the Notice, failure to adhere to the requirements in the Notice may affect a party's/person's ability to participate in the hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing can be accessed on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/public_notices/hearings/Other/docs/public_hearing_notice.pdf

Other Milestones: The Third Amended Order of Proceedings and the Notice of Public Hearing required the Designated Parties, including the Cleanup Team, to submit a written summary of all continuing areas of disagreement on September 30th. In response, the Cleanup Team attempted to facilitate creation of a joint statement of disputed issues with the other designated parties. Instead, the Dischargers named in the TCAO submitted a joint statement that they were unable to narrow the disputed issues and continue to disagree on the material terms, findings, and conclusions contained within TCAO and the DTR. The Environmental Health Coalition and San Diego Coast Keeper declined to sign the Dischargers' proposed statement and submitted their own written summary narrowing some of the issues they dispute.

The next milestone date is October 19, 2011, by which time the designated parties may submit written comments on:

- (1) Revisions to the TCAO and DTR made by the Cleanup Team; and
- (2) Revisions to and/or responses to comments on the Draft EIR.

By October 19th, the Designated Parties may also submit hearing briefs for the purpose of summarizing previously submitted technical comments, evidence, and argument only. On November 2, 2011, the Cleanup Team only may submit a written response to written comments, policy statements, and /or hearing briefs received on October 19th.

4. Trash from Cedar Creek Falls to El Capitan Reservoir

Staff Contact: Laurie Walsh

At the September 14, 2011 meeting, the San Diego Water Board requested the Executive Officer investigate reports of excessive trash near Cedar Creek Falls and Cedar Creek, within the Cleveland National Forrest. Trash and other debris have the potential to impact water quality downstream. This includes the El Capitan Reservoir located downstream and is a major part of the City of San Diego's water system. San Diego Water Board staff, Laurie Walsh, contacted the United States Forest Service (USFS) to discuss these reports. USFS personnel are aware of the problem, which is caused by the high visitation rates to the area. The USFS has installed trash cans in this area and conducts regular visits to empty the trash cans and collect other debris. USFS is in the process of updating their Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan to address increased visitation to Cedar Creek Falls and the area around the reservoir. This plan will evaluate their current practice for trash removal, visitation management, and trail safety. USFS personnel report that the Cedar Creek Falls area was closed shortly after the July 4th, 2011 holiday in response to a fatality. The Cedar Creek Falls area will remain closed until the USFS has updated their BMP Plan and developed a visitor management strategy. Mrs. Walsh and other staff from the Surface Water Units will continue to coordinate efforts with the USFS.

5. Concerns Regarding South Orange County Wastewater Authority's Effluent Transmission Main Line

Staff Contact: Joann Confrancesco

The San Diego Water Board staff received several emails from a citizen, expressing concerns regarding the facilities associated with the South Orange County Wastewater Authority's (SOCWA) Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall (ACOO). The citizen reports that SOCWA's land portion of the ACOO (Effluent Transmission Main Line or ETM Line) is traversing through seriously deteriorated streambed habitat in Aliso & Woods Canyon Wilderness Park and is thus vulnerable to a breach and sewage spill.

SOCWA reported to staff that they are aware of the issue. They currently estimate that the ETM Line needs to be stabilized in 10 years due to the deteriorated streambed habitat. They also reported that they are in the process of selecting a consultant to reevaluate the effects of the erosion on the ETM Line within the next 8 weeks. Staff will continue to track the condition of the ETM Line and will update the San Diego Water Board upon completion of the evaluation.

6. Status Update for Conditional Waiver No. 4, the "Ag Waiver"

Staff Contact: Barry S. Pulver and Cynthia Gorham

Non-Compliance Letters

On August 5, 2011 approximately 1,800 letters were sent to owners of properties with agricultural land use that have not enrolled under the Ag Waiver. As of September 23, 2011 over 150 individuals have called with questions regarding the letters and 572 Response Forms have been received. The response rate for the Non-Compliance Letters is 32 percent. For comparison, according to the Direct Marketing Association 2010 Response Rate Trend Report the response rate for similar direct mailing is 3 percent.

The following table summarizes information obtained from the Response forms regarding enrollment status.

Enrollment Status	Total	Percent of Responses
Enrolled	112	20
Will Enroll	13	2
Exempt	447	78

Ag Waiver Review and Re-Issue

By law, all waivers must be reviewed, and renewed, revised, or replaced at least every five years. Because the State Water Board recently revised its fee schedule to require fees for Agricultural Waivers it was decided to begin the reissuance process and to include fee collection.

Schedule

The revised Ag Waiver will be considered for adoption by the Board in the Summer of 2012. Stakeholder meetings will be held during November and December 2011 and January 2012, with Public Workshops during 2012. To maximize public involvement three workshops will be held. One workshop will be at the San Diego Water Board and two evening workshops, one in Escondido and one in Temecula are planned.

The appropriate CEQA documentation will not be evaluated until a "draft" document is completed. Because of the different resource needs and time requirements between the various CEQA documents a "draft" waiver will be completed by February 2012 and the determination of the appropriate CEQA documentation will be made in early March 2012.

Discussion Topics

Based on discussions with the regulated community and Water Board and State Board staff, the following topics will be discussed in the review/revision process for the Ag Waiver.

Definition of Commercial Grower: The definition of a commercial grower is a producer of agricultural products with average gross sales over the most recent three years of \$1,000 per year. This definition will be reviewed to determine if it needs to be revised during the five-year renewal process in 2012.

Coordination with Other Agricultural Programs: The County of San Diego and several municipalities have existing regulatory programs for nursery operations. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) currently provide oversight and inspection of agricultural activities. An evaluation of these programs will be made to determine the need and/or requirements for growers under the direction of these governmental agencies and NGOs.

Electronic Reporting: The implementation of an electronic reporting system, such as the electronic Notice of Intent filing required by Region 3 will be considered.

Tiered Approach: Currently all growers regardless of their potential/actual impact to water quality have the same requirements. An evaluation will be conducted to determine if a tiered approach can be used, with requirements based on the potential/actual impacts to water quality. Factors to be considered include size and type of operation, farming methods, water use, and location of operation.

Fees: The State Water Board recently adopted a new fee schedule that requires fees for all agricultural and irrigated lands waivers that range from \$0.56 to \$10 per acre. The Waiver must be revised to include these fees.

Part C – Statewide Issues of Importance to the San Diego Region

1. Statewide Draft Petroleum Low-Threat Closure Policy Stakeholder Outreach Meeting

Staff Contact: Sean McClain

The San Diego Water Board hosted a stakeholder outreach meeting on September 16, 2011 for the State Water Board's Draft Petroleum Low-Threat Closure (LTC) Policy for the Underground Storage Tank (UST) program. Dr. Ravi Arulanantham of Geosyntec Consultants, and Barry Marcus of the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department, presented the concepts and practical aspects of the draft LTC Policy to approximately 40 stakeholders comprised of regulators, consultants, and industry. Input from the stakeholders ranged from support for the draft Policy to concern about leaving petroleum liquids in the ground to naturally attenuate over time.

The purpose of the draft LTC Policy is to establish low-threat UST petroleum site closure criteria that will apply state-wide. The draft LTC Policy is consistent with existing statutes, regulations, State Water Board precedential decisions and resolutions, and is intended to provide clear direction to responsible parties, their service providers, and regulatory agencies. The draft LTC Policy also seeks to increase UST cleanup process efficiency. A benefit of improved efficiency

is the preservation of limited staff and Cleanup Fund resources for mitigation of releases posing a greater threat to human health and the environment.

Next Steps - State Water Board staff are preparing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping documents and a request for peer review of the draft LTC Policy. The State Water Board anticipates holding CEQA scoping meetings during the months of September and October. The State Water Board will consider adopting the draft LTC Policy at a future meeting.

More information on the Low-Threat Closure Policy is available at:
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.shtml

2. New WDR Fee Schedule

Staff Contact: Brian Kelley

The State Water Board has adopted a revised waste discharge requirements (WDR) permit fee schedule for the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12. The new schedule, adopted under emergency regulations on September 19, 2011, increases the annual fees an average of 37.8 percent to account for a projected deficit of \$21.7 million from the revenue levels set forth in the Budget Act for FY 2011-12. The fee increases would allow program staffing and activities to remain at current budget levels, with a projected rainy day reserve fund of \$5.9 million or 5.8 percent.

The Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) fees have the highest increase at 355 percent. This is due in large part to the loss of general funds in this program. Fee revenue for the ILRP must be increased from \$661,000 to \$2.344 million in order to maintain the current level of funding for the program. Similar reductions in general funding for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program have resulted in a needed 44.7 percent increase in annual fees to maintain existing resource levels.

Water Code section 13260 requires each person who discharges waste or proposes to discharge waste that could affect the quality of the waters of the state to file a report of waste discharge with the appropriate regional water board and to pay an annual fee set by the State Water Board. Those fees are deposited in the Waste Discharge Permit Fund. Water Code section 13260 also requires the State Water Board to adopt, by emergency regulations, an annual schedule of fees for persons discharging waste to the waters of the state. Water Code section 13260 further requires the State Water Board to adjust the annual fees each fiscal year to conform to the revenue levels set forth in the Budget Act.

Information on fees is available at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/>.

3. Draft Policy for Regulating Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems *(Attachment C-3)*

Staff Contact: Julie Chan

The State Water Board has released a draft State Policy for Water Quality Control for Siting, Design, Operation, and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS). The purpose of the draft Policy is to allow the continued use of onsite wastewater treatment systems, while protecting water quality and public health. To accomplish this purpose, the draft OWTS Policy establishes a statewide, risk-based, tiered approach for the management of OWTS installations and replacements, and sets the level of performance and protection expected from OWTS. The draft Policy only authorizes subsurface disposal of domestic wastewater and establishes minimum requirements for the permitting, monitoring, and operation of OWTS for protecting beneficial uses of waters of the State and preventing conditions of pollution and nuisance. The draft Policy also conditionally waives the requirement for owners of OWTS to apply for and receive Waste Discharge Requirements in order to operate their systems when they meet the conditions set forth in the Policy. Once adopted, the OWTS Policy must be incorporated into the San Diego Water Board's Basin Plan where it will provide the framework for regulating, or waiving regulation of OWTS in the Region.

The State Water Board also initiated a 45-day public review and comment period on the draft OWTS Policy and the Substitute Environmental Document for the Policy. The adoption of policies for water quality control has been certified as an exempt regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Thus, the State Water Board has prepared a Substitute Environmental Document to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed OWTS Policy rather than the customary environmental documents required by the CEQA. Comment letters on the draft Policy and Substitute Environmental Document must be received by the State Water Board by 12:00 noon on Monday, November 14, 2011.

A staff workshop for southern California on the draft OWTS Policy and Substitute Environmental Document is planned for November 7, 2011, in Riverside, California. State Water Board staff will conduct two separate sessions in order to accommodate different schedules. Each session will have identical content. Times for the workshops are 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Notice of Availability of the Draft Documents and Notice of Staff Workshops is Attachment C-3 to this report. The Draft OWTS Policy and Substitute Environmental Document may be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

Significant NPDES Permits,
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
SIGNIFICANT NPDES PERMITS, WDRS, AND ACTIONS
OF THE SAN DIEGO WATER BOARD

Action Agenda Item	Action Type	Draft Complete	Written Comments Due	Consent Item
November 9, 14 and 15 (16), 2011 San Diego Water Board Office				
Shipyards Sediment Cleanup - Evidentiary Hearing (<i>Melbourn</i>)	Draft EIR hearing	0%	Oct. 17, 2011	No
Shipyards Sediment Cleanup - Evidentiary Hearing (<i>Melbourn</i>)	Tentative CAO hearing	100%	Oct. 17, 2011	No
December 14, 2011 San Diego Water Board Office				
Carlsbad Water Recycling Facility (<i>Osibodu</i>)	Master Reclamation Permit update	90%	TBD, if necessary	Yes
Comision Estatal de Servicios Publicos de Tijuana (CESPT) will provide an update on sewage treatment operations south of the international border. (<i>Morris and Christensen</i>)	Information Item	NA	NA	NA
Update on efforts by the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (<i>Gibson</i>)	Information Item	NA	NA	NA
Request for Disbursement from the Cleanup and Abatement Account to Fund the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (<i>Gibson</i>)	Resolution	0%	TBD	maybe
Shipyards Sediment Cleanup: Non-evidentiary Meeting to Deliberate, and Certify, or Deny FEIR. (<i>Melbourn</i>)	DEIR Adoption	0%	TBD, if necessary	No
Shipyards Sediment Cleanup: Non-evidentiary Meeting to Deliberate, and adopt, modify, or reject TCAO/DTR (<i>Melbourn</i>)	TCAO Adoption	100%	TBD, if necessary	No
January, 2012 NO MEETING SCHEDULED				



State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS AND
NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOPS**

**POLICY FOR SITING, DESIGN, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ONSITE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS) – Septic Systems**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has completed a draft State Policy for Water Quality Control for Siting, Design, Operation, and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy) and a Substitute Environmental Document (SED) for public review. The adoption of policies for water quality control has been certified as an exempt regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act, so the State Water Board has prepared the SED to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed OWTS Policy.

Staff workshops are planned at the locations and times listed below to gather input from public agencies and interested persons on the content of the OWTS Policy and associated SED. Staff will conduct two separate sessions at each location in order to accommodate different schedules. Each session will have identical content. Times for the workshops are 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in OWTS issues about this notice.

Monday, October 24, 2011

San Luis Obispo Performing Arts Center
Harmann Hall
1 Grand Avenue
San Luis Obispo, CA

Map:
<http://q.co/maps/pye2s>

Friday, October 28, 2011

David Marr Theater at the Shasta Learning Center
2200 Eureka Way # B
Redding, CA

Map:
<http://q.co/maps/8cst>

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Wells Fargo Center
Ruth Finley Person Theater
50 Mark West Springs Road
Santa Rosa, CA

Map:
<http://q.co/maps/9jhx>

Monday, November 7, 2011

University Theater
University of California, Riverside
400 Humanities
Riverside, CA

Map:
<http://culturalevents.ucr.edu/directions.htm>

Although a quorum of the State Water Board may be present at any workshop, the State Water Board will not take an action during any workshop. A separate State Water Board adoption hearing will be scheduled in the future, at which the State Water Board will consider adoption of the final OWTS Policy and SED. The adoption hearing will be noticed separately. State Water Board staff anticipates that the adoption hearing will be scheduled in spring, 2012.

The purpose of the staff workshops is to seek input and answer questions from public agencies and members of the public on the OWTS Policy and SED. In May 2011 the State Water Board held public scoping meetings on the SED to seek input on the range of project actions, alternatives, reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, significant impacts to be analyzed, cumulative impacts, if any, and mitigation measures that will reduce impacts to a less than significant level; and to eliminate from detailed study issues found not to be important.

The OWTS Policy and SED Documents may be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/.

Paper copies or compact disc of the OWTS Policy and SED Documents are available upon request by writing to: OWTS Policy, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812, or by calling (916) 445-9187 or by emailing your request to owts_commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov.

The OWTS Policy and SED Documents are being made available for a 45-day public review and comment period. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, November 14, 2011**. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional comments on the draft documents.

Please send comments on the OWTS Policy and SED by email to, owts_commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if 15 megabytes in size or less). Electronic submission of comments by email is preferred. Please indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – DRAFT OWTS Policy Documents.**" Please identify a contact person who would be available to answer any questions regarding your comments. Comments may also be submitted by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

OWTS Policy
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

Hand and special deliveries should be addressed to the address above. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact (916) 341-5455.

Email List Serve

Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to an email list serve for future notices about the OWTS Policy at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml, under Water Quality Topics choose Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)-Septic Systems. The email list serve will be the primary method for providing future notices related to the proposed OWTS Policy. Persons without access to email may request paper copies of future notices by mail such request to the above address.

Special Accommodations

Wheel-chair accessible seating is available at all workshop locations. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Hoffman at (916) 341-5908 or mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov at least five working days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device.

HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

Workshop Location Information

Parking at the San Luis Obispo location

The Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo is located on the Campus of California Polytechnic Institute. Parking at the lot adjacent to the Center is \$6.00. Directions to the Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo are located at this website: http://www.pacslo.org/tickets/directions_parking

Parking at the Redding location

There is no cost to park at the Shasta Learning Center; however, parking in the lots may be limited for the earlier session (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) as school will be in session. Ample street parking is available, which is closer to the entrance than the campus parking lots.


Parking at the Santa Rosa location

The Wells Fargo Center for the Arts offers free parking. Directions to the center are available at this website: <http://wellsfargocenterarts.org/directions.html>

Parking at the Riverside location

University of California Riverside parking costs \$8.00 in lot 6 per vehicle during the day. Pay entering lot 6 to student attendant on duty. Directions to University Theater and nearby parking is located at this website: <http://culturalevents.ucr.edu/directions.htm>

September 30, 2011
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board