

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

A Workshop Will Be Held To Discuss

Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0001

An Order Amending the Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) NPDES Permit for the San Diego Region

The Location and Time Are Specified Below.

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

**City of Mission Viejo
Council Chambers
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, California**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold an informational public workshop to receive information and discuss requirements in a public draft of Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0001. Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0001 proposes to amend the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2013-0001 (Regional MS4 Permit). Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0001 will be available on or about September 12, 2014 and will be accessible electronically at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/oc_stormwater.shtml.

The workshop will be held at the San Diego Water Board's regularly scheduled public meeting on October 8, 2014. To view the meeting agenda in advance of the meeting, please visit the San Diego Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/2014/Oct/Oct8.shtml

Except for items designated as time certain, there are no set times for agenda items. Items including the workshop may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chairman.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The San Diego Water Board adopted the Regional MS4 Permit on May 8, 2013 in response to a Report of Waste Discharge (RoWD) application from the municipal Copermittees in San Diego County for reissuance of an MS4 NPDES permit. The Copermittees in San Diego County are currently enrolled under the Regional MS4 Permit. The San Diego Water Board is considering enrollment of Copermittees in Orange County and Riverside County under the Regional MS4 Permit in a phased manner as their current MS4 permits expire and after consideration of their RoWD submittal.

Copermittees in Orange County consisting of the County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District and the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano are currently regulated by MS4 Permit Order No. R9-2009-0002. This MS4 permit will expire on December 16, 2014, and the Orange County Copermittees have jointly submitted a RoWD in application for MS4 NPDES permit reissuance. Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0001 proposes to amend the Regional MS4 Permit in response to the RoWD and enroll the Orange County Copermittees under the Permit as MS4 dischargers responsible for compliance with the terms and the conditions of the Permit. The Tentative Order also proposes to amend the Regional MS4 Permit to address a variety of other issues including 1) Regional Water Board designation to consolidate regulation of MS4 discharges for the Cities of Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, and Lake Forest, 2) incorporation of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, 3) incorporation of interim exemptions for hydromodification management, 4) the extension of a pollutant reduction deadline for MS4 discharges to Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) and 5) implementation of a unified approach for monitoring beach water quality in south Orange County.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The October 8, 2014 public workshop will be informal and conducted to provide San Diego Water Board members with information about the Tentative Order and to facilitate discussion. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. San Diego Water Board staff will explain the Regional MS4 Permit amendment process and summarize significant elements of the Tentative Order for the San Diego Water Board and the public. Orange County Copermittees, other Copermittees within the San Diego Region, and any interested persons will also have an opportunity to provide oral comments as set forth below. The San Diego Water Board may provide general feedback to staff on proposed modifications of the Regional MS4 Permit; however, no action or voting will take place at this workshop.

To ensure a productive and efficient public workshop, and to ensure that all attending have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be limited at the discretion of the Chair. This item has significant interest to the public and regulated community, and in order to provide enough time for all interested parties to participate, participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations. San Diego Water Board staff may, but will not necessarily, respond to comments made at the workshop.

The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate public hearing and comment period notice announcing the release of the Tentative Order for public review and comment on or about September 12, 2014. The public hearing notice will establish the deadline for submission of written comments, the time, date and location of the public hearing, and the procedures that the San Diego Water Board will follow at the public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order. Once released, the Tentative Order will serve as the public comment draft permit amendment for purposes of applicable public notice requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R. § 124.10) and Water Code section 13167.5, subdivision (b).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order will be available on or about September 12, 2014 and will be accessible electronically at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/oc_stormwater.shtml.

ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST SUBSCRIPTION

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for information and notices on the development of the Regional MS4 Permit. The San Diego Water Board will use the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of on-line documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to one (1) of the electronic mail lists titled "Orange County MS4 Permit," "Riverside County MS4 Permit," or "San Diego MS4 Permit", located on the San Diego Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the City of Mission Viejo, please refer to:

<http://cityofmissionviejo.org/CityDirectory/>.

A parking lot is available for your convenience; however, please refrain from using the area between the library and City Hall. The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons requiring additional accommodations should contact Chris Blank at

Chris.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov or 619-521-3382 at least five (5) days prior to the workshop.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

If you have any questions or wish to receive a hard copy of the Tentative Order, please contact Laurie Walsh at (619) 521-3373 or via e-mail at Laurie.Walsh@waterboards.ca.gov.