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## Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING**

**regarding**

### **Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to update the Chino Basin Maximum Benefit Salt and Nutrient Management Plan**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9, staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) will hold a CEQA scoping meeting regarding a proposed amendment of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to revise and update the Chino Basin Maximum Benefit Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP).

At the request of the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster), Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), and Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD), Santa Ana Water Board staff is proposing to amend the Chino Basin Maximum Benefit SNMP as follows:

- Modify the TDS effluent compliance metric and action limit for IEUA's recycled water supply in the Chino-North GMZ to a 10-year flow-weighted average of the agency-wide supply. The revised TDS compliance metric, and associated action limits, will be used to determine when IEUA must submit a plan and schedule to improve recycled water quality.
- Modify the TDS and nitrate as nitrogen (nitrate) compliance metrics so that the use of recycled water for groundwater recharge will be limited to the amount that can be blended on a volume-weighted basis with other sources of recharge to the Chino-North GMZ to achieve a 10-year volume-weighted running annual average equal to or less than the maximum benefit objectives for TDS and nitrate.
- Add JCSD as a responsible agency for implementing the Chino Basin Maximum Benefit SNMP.
- Enable other, non-IEUA recycled water supplies to be used in Chino-North GMZ to maximize the beneficial use of available recycled water supplies.

- Add TDS and total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) compliance metrics for other recycled water supplies that will be used to determine when Watermaster, IEUA, and JCSD must submit a plan and schedule to improve recycled water quality.
- Add a new Maximum Benefit Commitment to require the periodic update and use of the Chino Basin Water Quality Model to prepare projections of TDS and nitrate concentrations for the Chino-North GMZ.
- Require an update to the surface and groundwater monitoring program work plans to collect appropriate data to help improve modeling tools.

**WHEN:**           **October 29, 2024**  
                          9:00am-11:30am

**WHERE:**       **Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority**  
                          11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503-4979  
                          Office: 951.354.4250

The CEQA scoping meeting will provide participants with the opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental document that will be prepared for the proposed Basin Plan amendment. The substitute environmental document will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to certified regulatory programs (California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3775 et seq.).

This scoping meeting will assist the Santa Ana Water Board in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects, if any, to be analyzed prior to the decision-making process on the recommended Basin Plan amendment.

All comments received and responses to those comments will be included in the final administrative records. Santa Ana Water Board consideration of the proposed amendment is expected in late 2025.

Should you need more information about the meeting, you may contact Keith Person at (951) 782-4997, or at [keith.person@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:keith.person@waterboards.ca.gov). The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact Haley Gohari at (951) 340-2220, or at [Hgohari@sawpa.org](mailto:Hgohari@sawpa.org) at least five working days prior to the meeting.

To join the Zoom meeting online (phone and video access via computer), click on the following link:

- <https://sawpa.zoom.us/j/88112645269?pwd=aaSNcSmIR2g3ERaRaVyH7cmfiFXRe0.1>


To join the phone portion of the Zoom meeting only:

- Dial: (669) 900-6833  
If needed, the Meeting ID is: 881 1264 5269 & Password: 437099

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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