
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN TO EXTEND THE WET WINTER CONDITIONS COMPLIANCE DEADLINE FOR BACTERIAL INDICATOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IN THE MIDDLE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (“Santa Ana Water Board”) will hold a public hearing to consider a resolution to approve the draft amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate a revision limited to extending the schedule for attaining the Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Bacterial Indicator Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in Wet Winter Conditions and establishing a Phase 2 Implementation Plan(Basin Plan Amendment).

PUBLIC HEARING

The Santa Ana Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment. The public hearing will be held at the following date, time, and location:

DATE:	March 13, 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	California Air Resources Board 4001 Iowa Avenue Riverside, CA 92507

The hearing will be recorded. A copy of the recording will become part of the administrative record. The hearing will occur in a physical meeting location with an option for the public to participate from a remote location. See **Procedural Matters**, below, for more information about how to participate in the hearing.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Santa Ana Water Board is seeking written public comments on the draft proposed Basin Plan amendment. **The 30-day comment period will begin on January 27, 2026 and will end at noon on February 26, 2026.**

People interested in the proposed revisions to the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters must be received **by 12:00 P.M. on February 26, 2026**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the Santa Ana Water Board determines otherwise.

KRIS MURRAY, CHAIR | ERIC LINDBERG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Address comments to RWQCB8@waterboards.ca.gov. Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in size, then the written comments may be submitted by fax at (951) 781-6288. Please indicate in the subject line: “**Comment Letter – MSAR TMDL Extension**”.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery or mail to:

Attn: Lauren Hubbell, Senior Environmental Scientist
Santa Ana Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

BACKGROUND

A link to electronic copies of the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents are available on the Santa Ana Water Board ftp website at: [Water Boards FTP](#) (Username: rb8download; Password: Region8_public)

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Santa Ana Water Board’s [Remote Participation](#) webpage. For those who do not intend to actively participate, the meeting will be livestreamed via [Cal-Span](#).

Interested persons may attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. Such comments will generally be limited to three minutes, though the Board Chair may grant additional time on a case-by-case basis.

The Santa Ana Water Board’s agenda for the Board meeting will be available on the Santa Ana Water Board’s Agenda webpage at least ten days prior to the meeting. Please check the [Santa Ana Water Board’s](#) website for the most up-to-date public hearing date and location, as they are subject to change.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Please click on the link below for directions and public parking:
[California Air Resources Board](#)

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options at least 10 business days before the meeting, if possible:

- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/language-access.html)

- Contact the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) at: 916-341-5254 or at: LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice or requests to obtain copies of the Basin Plan amendment and supporting documents to Lauren Hubbell, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (951) 320-6375, or by e-mail at Lauren.Hubbell@waterboards.ca.gov.