



**Public Notice of Draft Waste Discharge Requirements for
Federal Highway Administration's
Kelso-Cima and South Kelbaker Road Rehabilitation Project**

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program

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Affected County San Bernardino**

This public notice of draft Waste Discharge Requirements is provided in satisfaction of Water Code section 13167.5.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) proposes to regulate the Federal Highway Administration's Kelso-Cima and South Kelbaker Road Rehabilitation Project (Project) pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.). The Project will result in impacts to only waters of the state. The purpose of the Project to reduce the number of vehicle accidents and improve safety along Kelso-Cima and South Kelbaker Roads. The Project would include restriping pavement, adding mumble strips, widening shoulders, paving with asphalt concrete, realigning road segments at three locations, and adding exclusion fencing for desert tortoises. The Project would also install low-water crossing features at numerous stream intersections and armor degraded streams with riprap.

Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing to the State Water Board contact listed below and received during a 30-day comment period that begins (November 25, 2025) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (December 25, 2025).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) is available on the [State Water Boards' 401 Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Program Public Notices website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/notices/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/notices/). You may request a paper copy of the WDR and its attachments by contacting the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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