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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM BENEFIT TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS AND NITRATE GROUNDWATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND A SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ELSINORE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Santa Ana Water Board) amendment to the water quality control plan for the Santa Ana River Basin that would establish maximum benefit total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrate-nitrogen groundwater quality objectives and, a salt and nutrient management plan for the Elsinore Groundwater Management Zone (GMZ) for the Santa Ana Region (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board on December 10, 2021 (Resolution R8-2021-0044), and is available for review at the Santa Ana Water Board website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/orders/2021/r8-2021-0044.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2021/r8-2021-0044.pdf)

The amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Keith Person at (951) 782-4997.

**REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS.** The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Santa Ana Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments must subscribe to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg8\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg8_subscribe.shtml) and check the box for Basin Planning.

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Santa Ana Water Board contact identified above.

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**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendments are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on April 29, 2022.** Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)


Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter- Santa Ana Region Elsinore Max Ben**".

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS** (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board.
2. If the Santa Ana Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Santa Ana Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Santa Ana Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Santa Ana Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Keith Person, Regional Salt and Nutrient Coordinator at Santa Ana Water Board, at (951) 782-4997 or [Keith.Person@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Keith.Person@waterboards.ca.gov). All legal questions should be directed to Catherine Hagan, Staff Counsel at (619) 521-3012 or [Catherine.Hagan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Catherine.Hagan@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date                      March 29, 2022

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board