



# Enforcement News

*Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board*

## LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD ORDERS CITY OF AVALON TO REDUCE POLLUTION AT AVALON BEACH

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LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has ordered the City of Avalon to reduce and eliminate discharges of sewage from its sewage collection system in order to make Avalon safe for wading and swimming. The Cease and Desist Order adopted by the board requires a reduction of fecal-indicating bacterial pollution, which can cause health problems like stomach aches and flu-like symptoms. The City's aging sewer infrastructure contributes to bacterial pollution at Avalon Beach through leaking sewers and sewer collection system overflows.

"The Los Angeles Water Board's goal in adopting this Order is to ensure that Avalon Beach is restored so that it is a safe place for visitors to enjoy," said Maria Mehranian, Chair of the Los Angeles Water Board. "The hope for Avalon Beach's future is that it will no longer continue to be included on the Clean Water Act list of impaired waters and will be able to meet State water quality standards."

The Order requires the city of Avalon to develop, implement, and in some cases, enhance a number of plans and programs in order to address the sewage collection system shortfalls. These include developing, implementing and/or enhancing the sanitary sewer overflow reduction plan, the system-wide cleaning program, the illicit discharge elimination program, the capital improvement plan, and conducting a system evaluation and capacity assurance plan.

The Los Angeles Water Board protects and restores water quality in coastal watersheds in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and in portions of Kern and Santa Barbara counties.

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