



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING PURSUANT TO §21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

TO: Any Interested Person

FROM: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

DATE: July 25, 2007

PROPONENT: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate organochlorine compounds Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for San Diego Creek and Upper and Lower Newport Bay, Orange County, California. Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exemption under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

A public hearing will be held by the Regional Board to consider the amendment for adoption. Changes to the proposed amendment consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment may be considered by the Board. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on September 7, 2007 at the following time and location:

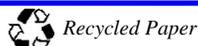
DATE: September 7, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the Regional Board identified San Diego Creek, Upper Newport Bay and Lower Newport Bay, as water quality limited, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. Impairment of Upper and Lower Newport Bay is due, in part, to total DDT, total PCBs, and chlordane. Impairment of San Diego Creek is due, in part, to DDT and toxaphene. To address the impairment, Regional Board staff has developed for the organochlorine compounds TMDLs that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. The draft San Diego Creek/Upper and Lower Newport Bay TMDLs were presented and discussed at Regional Board workshops on December 1, 2006 and April 20, 2007.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment and substitute environmental document that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendment will be available no later than July 25, 2007. Copies of these documents and relevant staff reports may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130, or from the Regional Board website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. The documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California by appointment scheduled between

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9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after July 25, 2007. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments presented at the hearing to the Board's Executive Assistant. Note that all exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other testimony presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Board and will become part of the administrative record. Comments should be submitted to Wanda Cross at the address listed above or by email at wcross@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by August 23, 2007 will be prepared.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Wanda Cross at (951) 782-4468. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board hearing should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951) 782-3285 no later than August 28, 2007.

/s/

GERARD J. THIBEAULT

Executive Officer

Date: July 25, 2007

