

Appendix A
Public Participation and Solicitation

ITEM 1 – March 2001 Public Solicitation Notice

California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region

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DATE: March 7, 2001

TO: Interested Parties

RE: PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

On behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) is soliciting information and data regarding water quality conditions of surface waters in the San Diego Region. This information will be used in various assessments of the State's surface waters. One of these assessments results in development of a list of impaired water bodies, commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies. Under this assessment, water bodies within the State for which technology based effluent limitations are not stringent enough to ensure attainment of applicable water quality objectives and standards (i.e., "impaired water bodies") are identified as required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1250, et seq, at 1313(d)). The current list of Section 303(d) impaired waters developed in 1998 may be reviewed on the SWRCB's website (www.swrcb.ca.gov/tmdl/303d_lists.html).

The SWRCB will use the information and data we are soliciting to provide the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with a revised list of waters considered by the State to be impaired. It is anticipated that the SWRCB's submittal will be made to USEPA by April 2002, as required by federal regulations. It will be based on information and data available to the SWRCB and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. This information and data will also contribute to the preparation of the State's biennial Report on Water Quality for 2002 which is required to be submitted to USEPA for transmittal to Congress under Section 305 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1315).

All Interested Persons May Submit Information/Data

Anyone, including but not limited to, private citizens, public agencies, state and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses, possessing information regarding the quality of the Region's waters may provide information/data.

Specifics For Information/Data Submittal

We are seeking to obtain all readily available water quality data and assessment information **generated since July 1997**. For purposes of this solicitation, "information" is any documentation describing the current or anticipated water quality condition of a surface water body. "Data" is considered to be a subset of information that consists of reports of

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measurements of specific environmental characteristics. The information and data may pertain to physical, chemical, and/or biological conditions of the Region's waters or watersheds.

Please include the following with any **information** you provide:

- Name of the organization, entity, or person providing the information.
- Mailing address, phone number, and email address for a contact person that can answer questions about the information provided.
- Two hard copies and an electronic copy of all information provided. Please specify the software used to format the information and provide definitions for any codes or abbreviations used. For reports, Microsoft Word is the preferred software.
- Bibliographic citations for all information provided.
- If computer model outputs are included, please provide bibliographic citations and specify any calibration and quality assurance information available.
- A description and/or your interpretation of the information submitted.

Please include the following with any **data** you provide:

- Data in electronic form, spreadsheet, database or ASCII format. Please specify the format and define any codes or abbreviations used.
- Description of and reference for your quality assurance procedures.
- Metadata for field data (i.e. when measurements were taken, locations, number of samples, detection limits, etc.)
- If possible, **two** hard copies of data so we can verify accuracy when transferring the data to our database.
- A description and/or your interpretation of the data submitted.
- In addition, for data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts:
 - Name of your group;
 - Indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of your group.

Deadline and Address for Information/Data Submittal

We would like to receive information and data as soon as possible and **no later than 5:00 p.m. May 15, 2001**. Data and/or information received after May 15, 2001 will not be considered in developing the April 2002 submittal to USEPA required by Clean Water Act Section 303(d).

Please send all information and data to:

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San Diego, CA 92124-1324
Attention: Keri Cole

or electronically to 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov (if files are <0.5 MB).

Informational Workshop

An informational workshop will be conducted on April 4, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., at Metropolitan Wastewater Department Auditorium located at 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92124. The purpose of this workshop is (1) to provide an overview of the section 303(d) list update process and (2) to answer questions the public may have regarding submittal of information/data and the procedures for updating the list. In preparation for the workshop, interested parties are encouraged to send in their questions to 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov prior to the workshop so that they can be addressed during the presentation.

Formal Public Hearing

The Regional Board will provide recommendations to the SWRCB in Fall 2001 on the condition of waters within the San Diego Region. The SWRCB will consider all Regional Boards' recommendations regarding the conditions of each Region's waters when formulating its Section 303(d) submittal. The State's revisions to the list of impaired waters will be considered by the SWRCB in a formal public process to be conducted next winter. Opportunities for review of the SWRCB's proposed submittal to USEPA and public comment on this submittal will be announced at a later date.

Options for Obtaining Future Section 303(d) List Information

The Regional Board would like to keep you fully informed on the development of the revised Section 303(d) list. However, future mailings of communications, notices, and announcements pertaining to the development of the revised Section 303(d) list will only be made to persons who specifically request this information. There are three options available for you to routinely receive future mailings and notices, or access information, on the development of the revised Section 303(d) list. **You must select one of the following options in accordance with the instructions below if you want to receive future notices and other information pertaining to the development of the revised Section 303(d) list:**

1. E-mail Delivery of Section 303(d) List Information

If you select this option the Regional Board will routinely send communications, notices, and announcements directly to your e-mail account. Our goal in offering this service is to provide this information to you quickly and to reduce our mailing costs. If you prefer to receive this information via e-mail, rather than regular mail, please do the following:

Visit our website at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9, choose "Electronic Mailing Lists" from the home page and follow the instructions to subscribe. Be sure to select the "Section 303(d)

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List” from the drop down menu. You will receive an e-mail confirming your subscription. Please note that you must reply to the e-mail to activate your subscription. You will receive all future information regarding the development of the revised Section 303(d) list via e-mail delivery once your subscription is activated. Step by step instructions for subscribing to the electronic mail list are also attached for your convenience.

2. *Regular Mail Delivery of Section 303(d) List Information*

If you select this option, the Regional Board will routinely send communications, notices, and announcements via regular mail. If you wish to receive Section 303(d) list information by regular mail, complete and return the attached Section 303(d) Mail List Response Form to this office. It is important that you submit this form to us so that we can add your name to our Section 303(d) regular mail list.

3. *Internet Access to Section 303 (d) List Information*

Communications, notices, and announcements pertaining to the development of the revised Section 303(d) list will be available for online viewing on our website at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9. If you select this option the Regional Board will not routinely send Section 303(d) list information to you via regular mail or e-mail. Under this option it will be your responsibility to regularly access the Regional Board’s website to stay informed.

Questions on Submittal and Process

Questions regarding the revised Section 303(d) List process, or questions on information or data you wish to submit, may be forwarded to the following Regional Board e-mail address: 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov. Alternatively you may contact Keri Cole at (858) 467-2798. Thank you in advance for your assistance during this very important process.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer

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TO RECEIVE ALL FUTURE SECTION 303(d) LIST COMMUNICATIONS, NOTICES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AUTOMATICALLY BY EMAIL!

How to Subscribe:

1. Go to the San Diego Regional Board home page on the Internet (<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9>) and choose "Electronic Mailing Lists" on the home page.
2. Enter your full name in the name field (this field can't be blank).
3. Enter your e-mail address in the address field (this field can't be blank).
4. Under "Action to be taken" click the drop down box button and select "SUBSCRIBE".
5. Under "Mailing Lists" click the drop down box button and select "Section 303(d) List".
6. Click on the button that reads "subscribe".
7. You will receive an email message requesting that you confirm your subscription. Please reply to the message in order for your subscription to be finalized.
8. Once subscribed, you will be automatically emailed Section 303(d) List information. You can unsubscribe as easily as you subscribed.

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SECTION 303(d) MAIL LIST RESPONSE FORM

Please complete this form if you wish to receive Section 303(d) List communications, notices and announcements via regular mail.

Please return the completed form to:

Denise Rhaney
Office Technician
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
9771 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite A
San Diego, California 92124-1324

Please check the following box.

Yes! I want to routinely receive Section 303(d) List communications, notices and announcements via regular mail.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

ITEM 2 - Public Notice to San Diego Union Tribune, Riverside Press Enterprise and the Orange County Register

PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) is soliciting the public on behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for information and data regarding the water quality conditions of surface waters in this Region. This information will be used in assessments of the State's waters including the development of a submittal to USEPA required by the federal Clean Water Act (Section 303(d)). This submittal, to be developed by the SWRCB, will provide USEPA with a revised list of waters considered by the State to be impaired. Information/data will also contribute to the preparation of the 2002 federal Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report on Water Quality.

Anyone, including but not limited to, private citizens, public agencies, state and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses, possessing information/data regarding the quality of the Region's waters may provide information/data. All readily available data and assessment information **generated since July 1997** may be submitted. **The Regional Board must receive all information/data by 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2001.** Submittals received after this date will **not** be considered for the April 2002 submittal to USEPA.

For purposes of this solicitation, "information" is any documentation describing the current or anticipated water quality condition of a surface water body. "Data" is considered to be a subset of information, consisting of measurements of specific environmental characteristics. This information/data may pertain to physical, chemical, and/or biological conditions of the Region's waters or watersheds. Please refer to the Regional Board's website www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwgcb9/ for the specific information required with your submittal of information/data. Please contact the Regional Board at 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov or (858) 476-2798 for questions regarding your submittal.

Please send information/data to:
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INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

An informational workshop will be conducted on April 4, 2001 at 10:00am, at Metropolitan Wastewater Department Auditorium located at 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92124. The purpose of this workshop is (1) to provide an overview of the section 303(d) list update process and (2) to answer questions the public may have regarding submittal of information/data and the procedures for updating the list.

FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Regional Boards will provide recommendations to the SWRCB in Fall 2001 on the condition of Regional waters. The SWRCB will consider all Regional Boards' recommendations regarding the conditions of the Region's waters when formulating its section 303(d) submittal. The State's revisions to the list of impaired waters will be considered by the SWRCB in a formal public process to be conducted next winter. Opportunities for review of the SWRCB's proposed submittal to USEPA and public comment on this submittal will be announced at a later date.

ITEM 3 - March 2001 Web Page Posting

SECTION 303(d) IMPAIRED WATERBODIES LIST 2002 UPDATE

Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA, 33 USC 1250, *et seq.*, at 1313(d)), requires States to identify waters that do not meet water quality standards after applying certain required technology-based effluent limits ("impaired" water bodies). States are required to compile this information in a list and submit the list to USEPA for review and approval. This list is known as the section 303(d) list of impaired waters. As part of this listing process, States are required to prioritize waters/watersheds for future development of [total maximum daily load \(TMDL\)](#). The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards) have ongoing efforts to monitor and assess water quality, to prepare the section 303(d) list, and to subsequently develop TMDLs. The State's most recent [section 303\(d\) list](#) was approved in 1998 and contains 509 water bodies, many listed as being impaired for multiple pollutants.

SOLICITATION OF INFORMATION

On behalf of the SWRCB, the San Diego Regional Board is currently soliciting data and information regarding water quality conditions of surface waters in this Region. This information will be used in assessing the State's waters during the development of the SWRCB's submittal to USEPA for updating the section 303(d) list, as well as for the preparation of the state's biennial Report on Water Quality for submittal to the U.S. EPA and Congress in 2002.

Anyone, including but not limited to, private citizens, public agencies, state and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses, possessing information regarding the quality of the Region's waters may provide information and data. [Solicitation letters](#) have been sent out to interested parties and [newspaper notices](#) posted requesting information. We are seeking to obtain all readily available data and assessment information **generated since July 1997**.

For purposes of this solicitation, "information" is any documentation describing the current or anticipated water quality condition of a surface water body. "Data" is considered to be a subset of information that consists of reports of measurements of specific environmental characteristics. The information and data may pertain to physical, chemical, and/or biological conditions of the Region's waters or watersheds.

Please include the following with any **information** you provide:

- Name of the entity or person providing the information.
- Mailing address, phone numbers, and email addresses for a contact person that can answer questions about any of the information provided.
- Two hard copies and an electronic copy of all information provided. Please specify the software used to format the information and provide definitions for any codes or abbreviations used. For reports, Microsoft Word is the preferred software.
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- Description of and reference for your quality assurance procedures.

- Metadata for field data (i.e. when measurements were taken, locations, number of samples, detection limits, etc.)
- If possible, **two** hard copies of data so we can verify accuracy when transferring the data to our database.
- A description and/or your interpretation of the data submitted.
- In addition, for data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts:
 - Name of your group;
 - Indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of your group;
 - Quality assurance methods or procedures used.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL

The Regional Board must receive all data and information you wish to provide no later than 5:00 p.m. May 15, 2001. Data and/or information received after May 15, 2001 will not be considered in developing the April 2002 submittal to USEPA required by Clean Water Act section 303(d).

Please send all information and data to:

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP

An informational workshop will be conducted on **April 4, 2001** at 10:00 a.m. at the following location:

Metropolitan Wastewater Department
 Auditorium
 9192 Topaz Way
 San Diego, CA 92124.

The purpose of this workshop is to:

- (1) to provide an overview of the section 303(d) list update process; and
- (2) to answer questions the public may have regarding submittal of information/data and the procedures for to updating the list.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Regional Boards will provide recommendations to the SWRCB in Fall 2001 on the condition of Regional waters. The SWRCB will consider all Regional Boards' recommendations regarding the conditions of the Region's waters when formulating its section 303(d) submittal. The State's revisions to the list of impaired waters will be considered by the SWRCB in a formal public process to be conducted next winter. Opportunities for review of the SWRCB's proposed submittal to USEPA and comment on this submittal will be announced at a later date.

LINKS

The following links contain more information on the section 303(d) listing:

<http://www.epa.gov/owow/monitoring/calm.html>

USEPA has a web page which provides information on current activities associated with the section 303(d) listing and section 305(b) assessment processes. The Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) initiative is currently being developed and addresses identification of impaired waters under section 303(d) and preparation of water quality assessment reports under section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act.

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tmdl/index.html>

Region IX of the USEPA covers Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands subject to U.S. law, and approximately 140 Tribal Nations. EPA Region IX's web page on includes California's 1998 Section 303(d) list, USEPA's letter to SWRCB containing public comment responsiveness summary and USEPA's letter to the SWRCB of the final the final decision (May 12, 1999).

ITEM 4 – October, 2001 Public Notice of Regional Board Recommendations to the 2002 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters Posted on the Web and Notice of Public Workshop

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9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123
Phone (858) 467-2952 • FAX (858) 571-6972

DATE: October 23, 2001

TO: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of the Draft Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, 2002 Update and Notice of Public Workshop on Nov. 29, 2001

Availability of draft Section 303(d) List

On behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) announces the posting of draft recommendations of changes and updates to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of Impaired Waters on its website: (<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>). Hardcopy versions of the list are also available at the office of the Regional Board.

Background

Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA, 33 USC 1250, et seq., at 1313(d)), requires States to identify waters that do not meet water quality standards after applying certain required technology-based limits (i.e. “impaired” water bodies). States are required to compile this information and submit it to USEPA for review and approval. This list is commonly known as the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. Once listed, the Regional Board is mandated to prioritize each waterbody / watershed for subsequent development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). The purpose of a TMDL is to ensure that beneficial uses are restored and water quality standards are achieved. The State Board and Regional Boards have ongoing and planned efforts to monitor and assess water quality, to prepare the Section 303(d) list and to develop the required TMDLs. The State’s most recent Section 303(d) list was approved in 1998 and contains 509 waterbodies, many listed as being impaired for multiple pollutants. The Regional Board placed 36 water bodies on the 1998 list, with a total of 69 water body / pollutant combinations.

Role of Regional Board in Public Process

On behalf of the State Board, the Regional Board solicited data and information regarding water quality conditions of surface waters. The solicitation period closed on May 15, 2001 and resulted in 56 unique sets of data and information submitted to the Regional Board for review and analysis. The Regional Board has finished analysis and critical review of all submitted data and information and created a draft list of additions and modifications to the existing Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies. The draft update recommends the addition of 24 new waterbodies to the Section 303(d) list. Also recommended is the addition of 4 new pollutants to previously listed waterbodies and changes in the extent of impairment for 18 previously listed waterbodies.

No de-listings are recommended. Previously listed waterbodies were only re-evaluated if new data / information was available.

The revised draft Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, 2002 update will be presented at the October 24th, 2001 Regional Board Meeting as a status report / informational item that will require no formal Board action. The draft list will be submitted to the State Board on October 31, 2001.

Public Workshop

A public workshop is tentatively scheduled for November 29, 2001 at 0900 at the office of the Regional Board (9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100). The workshop will provide information on the process involved in creation of the Section 303(d) list, the waterbodies and pollutants listed and give the public a chance to comment on the draft list. All public comments must be written and comply with the attached form.

On a regional level, public comments will be accepted and considered. If significant changes result from public comments and from the public workshop, the draft list will be revised, the changes sent to the State Board and a second presentation will be made at an upcoming Regional Board Meeting. Changes and updates can continue to be made and forwarded to the State Board through the State Board's formal review period.

Role of the State Board

This coming winter, the State Board will be addressing public comments and conducting a public workshop(s). In early spring, the State Board will conduct a formal hearing(s) to consider adopting the single statewide Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. The adopted list will be submitted to USEPA in the form of the State's biennial report on water quality.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mr. Jimmy Smith of the Regional Board at (858) 467-2732 or by email at 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov. The Regional Board looks forward to your participation in this vital process.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

ITEM 5 – November, 2001 Public Notice of Workshop Date Change

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San Diego Region**

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November 5, 2001

TO: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: * * PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED * *
Draft Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water, 2002 Update

Public Workshop Rescheduled

The public workshop tentatively scheduled for November 29, 2001 has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, December 5, 2001**. The public workshop will begin at 0900 at the office of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100). The workshop will provide information on the process involved in creation of the Section 303(d) list, the waterbodies and pollutants listed and give the public a chance to comment. All public comments must be written and comply with the attached form.

Local Informal Public Process

Two public review and comment processes will be conducted to receive input on the draft list. An informal process will be conducted locally, and a formal public process will be conducted in Sacramento.

The informal local public process began on October 24 with the release and posting of the draft list. Also on October 24 the draft list was presented to Regional Board members as an informational item only. The draft list was not approved by the Regional Board or its members. The draft list was forwarded to the State Board on October 31, 2001. On December 5, 2001 the Regional Board will conduct an informal local public workshop on the draft list.

On a regional level, public comments will be accepted and considered. If significant changes result from public comments and from the public workshop, the draft list will be revised, the changes sent to the State Board and a second presentation will be made at an upcoming Regional Board Meeting. Changes and updates can continue to be made and forwarded to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) through the State Board's formal review period.

Formal Public Process

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Availability of draft Section 303(d) List

On behalf of the (State Board), the (Regional Board) has posted the draft Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of Impaired Waters on its website: (<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>). Hardcopy versions of the list are also available at the office of the Regional Board.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mr. Jimmy Smith of the Regional Board at (858) 467-2732 or by email at 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov. The Regional Board looks forward to your participation in this vital process.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

ITEM 6 – Form for Public Comments, Questions and Concerns

**Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, 2002 Update
Public Comments, Questions and Concerns**

The update of the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies is being developed by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) as a single, statewide list for submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). An informal public workshop will be conducted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) on **December 5, 2001** at the office of the Regional Board (9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, 92123). Informal public comments can be submitted using this form. Comments received before November 28, 2001 will be given priority ranking when answering questions at the workshop.

State Board will be formulating a single, statewide list of impaired waters. State Board will be conducting the formal public review and comment period, providing written responses to all comments, conducting public workshop(s), conducting the formal public hearing and adopting the formal statewide list.

Regional Board has solicited information, reviewed all readily available data and produced a draft list of additions and changes to the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. This list and supporting documents can be viewed at the Regional Board website (www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/Programs/TMDL/303d/303d.html) or at the office. Public comments can be addressed to the Regional Board, but it will be the State Board that formally responds. Every effort will be made to address all comments at the Public Workshop. All public comments should adhere to the form below.

Name: _____ **Phone #** _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Topic of Concern: _____ **Staff Report pg #** _____

Questions / Concerns *Only written* comments will be addressed at the workshop. All comments must be specific to the overall process of Section 303(d) list creation, the Regional Board role, the State Board role, a listed waterbody or pollutant or to a waterbody or pollutant that is not listed. _____

ITEM 7 – Notice to Stakeholders of Clean Water Act Section 303(d)

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Date: November 27, 2001

SUBJECT: Notice to Stakeholders of Clean Water Act Section 303(d)

This letter seeks to bring attention to the recently released draft Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, 2002 Update and to the potential consequences of a waterbody being on this list. On October 24, 2001 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) released its draft Section 303(d) list of impaired waters for public review and comment. The current list (updated in 1998) and the 2002 update can both be found on the Regional Board's website (www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/) or at the office of the Regional Board (9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123).

The placement of a waterbody on the Section 303(d) list is a requirement of the Clean Water Act and signifies that the waterbody is not meeting water quality objectives for one or more pollutants and that one or more beneficial uses are being impaired. This means that some portions of these waterbodies are polluted to the extent that they are no longer considered suitable for uses such as fishing, swimming and aquatic habitat.

Once listed, a waterbody must be prioritized for development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The TMDL provides a means to clean the waters and restore the beneficial uses of the impaired waterbody. This process involves identifying all sources that contribute the pollutant(s) to the waterbody and allocating a maximum daily permissible amount that may be discharged from each source. As a result of this allocation, the implementation of a TMDL may have a significant impact on current and future activities and planning within the watershed.

The development of the Section 303(d) list is a public process. An informal public workshop is scheduled for December 5, 2001 at 0900 at the office of the Regional Board and will present the draft list and give the public a chance to ask questions and submit comments. Any changes made to the draft Section 303(d) list will be forwarded to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board). It is the State Board that will hold all formal public workshops as it compiles a single statewide list. State Board will provide written responses to all public comments and conduct the formal hearing(s) where it will consider adopting the single, statewide list. The adopted list will be forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the form of the State's biennial report on water quality. The USEPA will in turn submit this information to Congress pursuant to Section 305 of the Clean Water Act.

Please review this list as it pertains to waterbodies in your region and consider attending the workshop. More information can also be obtained at 303dlist@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov or from Mr. Jimmy Smith of my staff at (858) 467-2732.

Thank you for your attention to this vital process.

Respectfully,

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ITEM 8 – Public Participation Timeline

- Mar 7, 01 Solicitation of Data Opens
Letter was sent, seeking information and data to support updating the 303(d) list, to Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) agenda mailing list and placed in newspapers in each of the three counties in the San Diego Region.
- Apr 4, 01 Public Workshop
Regional Board provided an informational overview of the Section 303(d) listing process, followed by an open discussion and questions and answers with workshop attendees.
- Apr 25, 01 Meeting with environmental community (Baykeeper)
Discussion on how citizen monitoring could be incorporated into the listing process, waterbodies of particular concern to Baykeeper, existing data, shellfish consumption warnings for the San Diego River and QA/QC laboratory qualifications.
- May 3, 01 Public Workshop
Regional Board provided an informational overview of the Section 303(d) listing process, followed by an open discussion and questions and answers with workshop attendees.
- 15 May 01 Solicitation of Data Closed
- Oct 22, 01 Regional Board post it's recommendation for additions and changes to the 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies on it's website. Regional Board mails notice of web posting and forth coming public workshop to agenda mailing list.
- Oct 24, 01 Staff presents recommendation of additions and changes to the Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies to the Regional Board as an informational item.
- Oct 31, 01 Regional Board submits recommended additions and changes to the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board).
- Dec 5, 01 Public Workshop (approximately 30 days after list is available to public)
Staff presents Regional Board recommendations to update the Section 303(d) list and provides a forum to address public comments, questions and concerns. A brief history of the legislation, previous lists, data analysis, TMDL priority and schedule and subsequent process for list completion is presented.
- Mar 8, 02 Regional Board submits revised Section 303(d) list and updated supporting documentation.

Dec 01
to Feb 02
(tentative) State Board conducts formal public review, comment period and public workshops. Regional Board staff and the public may continue to suggest updates and comments throughout the State Boards formal public review and comment period.

Feb 02
to Mar 02
(tentative) State Board revises statewide recommendations

Mar 02
(tentative) State Board conducts a public hearing(s) and considers adoption of statewide recommendations of updates to Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

Apr 02
(tentative) State Board submits adopted statewide Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters, 2002 update, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).