CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION PERIOD AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP
FOR BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Public Solicitation Period
October 31, 2008 to January 9, 2009

Public Workshop
December 8, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.
San Diego Regional Board Office, Board Room,
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100,
San Diego, California 92123-4340

Triennial Review of Basin Plan
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Regional Board) is seeking public input on the need to review and update the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. Both state and federal laws mandate the periodic review and update of Basin Plans. The periodic review is known as the "Triennial Review" because federal law requires that a state's water quality standards be reviewed every three years. The primary purpose of the Triennial Review is to review water quality standards (e.g., beneficial uses and water quality objectives) and other aspects of the Basin Plan, and determine if updates are needed to keep pace with applicable regulations, advances in science and technology, and/or physical changes within the Region.

Public participation is an important part of the Triennial Review process. This notice solicits input on issues to be considered for inclusion on the San Diego Regional Board's list of basin planning priorities. Once public input is considered, the San Diego Regional Board develops and adopts by resolution a priority list of issues that will be used to direct basin planning efforts over the next three years. Opportunity for public comment on a draft priority list will be announced at a later date. More information about the Triennial Review, with links to the Basin Plan and previous Triennial Review completed in 2004 can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.shtml.

A Comment Submittal Form is provided at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.shtml.

Deadline for Comments
The deadline for receipt of comments is Friday, January 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2009 will not be accepted.

Public Workshop
An informational public workshop on the Basin Plan Triennial Review will be held:
Date: Monday, December 8, 2008
Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Board Room,
San Diego Regional Board Office,
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100,
San Diego, California 92123-4340

Directions to the workshop are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/. Parking is available at the workshop. The workshop facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least five working days prior to the workshop. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

To Receive Triennial Review Information
Subscribe to the electronic mailing list at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml (select "Basin Planning Issues"), or request to have triennial review information sent to you via U.S. Mail (send written request to Ms. Deborah Woodward).

Staff Contact
For further information, please contact Ms. Deborah Woodward directly at (858) 637-5586 or dwoodward@waterboards.ca.gov.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Dated: October 31, 2008

Request for Public Input
Written comments on water quality standards or other Basin Plan issues are invited during the 70-day solicitation period from October 31, 2008 to January 9, 2009.

Submittal of Comments
Please send comments to:
Attn: Ms. Deborah Woodward
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340
Fax: (858) 571-6972
Email: RB9_tri_review@waterboards.ca.gov

Include the words "Triennial Review" in the subject line of your communication.