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Interested Persons

Notice for Written Comment Period for Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002 (formerly R9-2008-0001 & R9-2007-0002)

On July 1, 2009, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (Regional Board) heard public comments regarding the fifth draft of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) in southern Orange County. At that public hearing, the Regional Board directed staff to release a sixth draft for public comment and board consideration prior to adoption.

The Regional Board hereby notifies the public that Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002, the Orange County MS4 permit (Revised Tentative Order), is available for review and public comment. Upon adoption, Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002 will replace the current Orange County MS4 Permit, Order No. R9-2002-0001.

- 1. Written comments on the Revised Tentative Order must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, September 28, 2009. Written comments received after the close of the 45-day comment period will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would jeopardize any party.
- Written comments should focus on changes made since the last draft and errata that was presented to the Regional Board on July 1, 2009. All comments submitted on earlier drafts of this Permit are part of the record for this matter and will be considered by the Regional Board. Therefore, it is not necessary to resubmit or repeat comments.
- 3. At this time, a date has not been set for the public hearing on this item. The public will be notified of the hearing date in a separate notice. Written comments received by the close of the 45-day comment period at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2009, will be provided to the Regional Board. All interested persons will be permitted to speak at the hearing and will be expected to orally summarize their written comments.

If you wish to receive future notices and information on this specific permit, please subscribe to the electronic emailing list titled "Orange County MS4 Permit" located on this web page: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/misc/mailing_lists.html.

Additional information on the Tentative Order may be found on the Regional Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/programs/oc_stormwater.html

Please contact Mr. Ben Neill at (858) 467-2983 or via email at bneill@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002.

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