

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING FOR
Downtown Anchorage and B Street/Broadway Piers Toxic Pollutants in Sediment
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project**

January 10, 2013 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

**San Diego Water Board-Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a combined Public Workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project addressing toxic pollutants in sediment at Downtown Anchorage and B Street/Broadway Piers in the San Diego Bay (the DAB TMDL Project).

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2013

Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Location: San Diego Water Board Office
Board Room
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San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Although members of the San Diego Water Board may be present, no Board actions will be taken at this meeting.

Purpose of the Public Workshop

The purpose of the Public Workshop is to provide information, answer questions, and receive early public input on the TMDL project. Specifically participants will be provided with (1) an explanation and understanding of the TMDL project under development; and (2) an opportunity to comment on the project.

Purpose of the CEQA Scoping Meeting

The purpose of the CEQA Scoping Meeting is to provide participants with an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental analysis and environmental documentation for the project to be prepared pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State Water Resources Control Board's certified regulatory program for Basin Planning (California Code of

Regulations, Title 14, Section 15251; and Title 23, Section 3775 et seq.)

Interested persons are specifically requested to provide information about:

- Methods the responsible parties would foreseeably use to comply with the TMDL;
- Reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
- Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (significance) of the impacts;
- Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts; and
- Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance.

Public Comments

Public participation and input is an important part of the TMDL process and is strongly encouraged. The Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping Meeting affords the opportunity for the public to provide input early in the process before important project plans and decisions have been made. The public is encouraged to submit comments on (1) the TMDL project as a whole; and (2) the scope and content of the CEQA environmental analysis. CEQA comments should be focused on the information specified in the five bullets above.

Staff will not prepare written responses to comments received at this time, but will carefully consider each comment during the development of the project and the environmental documentation. In order for staff to consider comments for this purpose, please submit comments before, during, and up to two weeks following the January 10, 2013 Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping Meeting i.e., comments are requested no later than **January 24, 2013 at 5:00 pm.**

San Diego Water Board staff will provide individual written responses to all written comments received during the formal Public Review and Comment Period which is conducted later in the process in preparation for the San Diego Water Board public hearing on the project.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) requires States to develop a list of waterbodies which do not, or are not expected to, meet water quality standards after implementing technology based controls. CWA section 303(d) requires States to identify these waters on the 303(d) list of impaired waters, and to develop TMDLs for such waters. The purpose of a TMDL is to restore the waterbodies' beneficial uses and attain water quality objectives, i.e., to achieve applicable water quality standards.

The San Diego Bay Shoreline in the vicinity of Downtown Anchorage and B Street/Broadway Piers is listed on the 303(d) List as impaired due to Sediment Toxicity and Benthic Community Effects (degradation). Studies found that sediment concentrations of total PAHs and total PCBs exceed the narrative sediment quality objectives (SQOs) for the protection of benthic communities as defined in the State Water Board's Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California (Part 1 Sediment Quality). In addition, sediment concentrations of chlordane in the vicinity of Downtown Anchorage and zinc in the vicinity of B Street/ Broadway Piers were also found to exceed the SQOs. As a consequence, these sites have been identified as areas of impaired water quality. In response to this contamination and impairment, the San Diego Water Board has initiated efforts to develop a TMDL for these sites.

This Project will allocate the pollutant loading capacity (the TMDL) and establish an Implementation Plan to control discharges of toxic

pollutants such that (1) the beneficial uses in the DAB areas will be restored; and (2) the DAB areas will once again attain applicable water quality objectives.

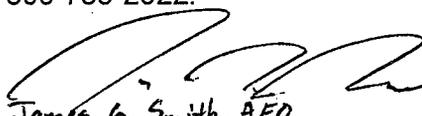
INFORMATION

For questions regarding this notice, please contact San Diego Water Board staff Mr. Charles Cheng at (858) 627-3930, or ccheng@waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring this Notice to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in this matter.

The Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping Meeting will be conducted at: San Diego Water Board, 9174 Sky Park Court Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123-4340, phone number (858) 467-2952, website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego

Parking is available at the workshop location. A map with directions to the workshop may be obtained from the San Diego Water Board's website or by contacting (858) 467-2952.

The Board Room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran at (858) 636-3138 at least 5 working days prior to the public workshop. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.


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Date: November 6, 2012