
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS DRAFT TMDL-SPECIFIC PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL GENERAL STORM WATER PERMIT SAN DIEGO CREEK AND NEWPORT BAY TOXICS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) invites public comments on the following:

Total Maximum Daily Loads for Toxic Pollutants for San Diego Creek and Newport Bay into the General permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ, NPDES Permit No. CAS000001, as directed by Section VI and Attachment E of the General Permit.

As explained in greater detail below, after receiving public comment, the Regional Water Board will submit proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for the State Water Board to consider adoption and incorporation into the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ). The Regional Water Board will take no formal action regarding the proposed TMDL-specific permit language.

BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2014, the State Water Board reissued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ) (industrial general permit).¹ As required by findings 38 through 42 of the industrial general permit, the State Water Board and the Regional Water Board staff are developing proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements for each of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) listed in Attachment E of the industrial general permit. The Regional Water Board is conducting a 30-day public comment period on the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements before submitting the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements to the State Water Board. The State Water Board will also conduct a public comment period regarding the reopening of the industrial general permit to amend Attachment E, the fact sheet, and other provisions as necessary for incorporation of TMDL-specific permit requirements into the industrial general permit. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit comments to the Regional Water Board before the draft TMDL-specific language is submitted to the State Water Board. Until the State Water Board reopens the industrial

¹ The industrial general permit is available electronically at:
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml

general permit and includes TMDL-specific permit requirements, dischargers enrolled in the industrial general permit are not required to take any additional actions to comply with the TMDLs listed in Attachment E, unless notified otherwise by the Regional Water Board.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments on the TMDL-specific permit language for Toxic Pollutants for San Diego Creek and Newport Bay. Written comments must be received by **March 24, 2016** and addressed to Barbara Barry. Documents that are 25MB or more should be transmitted on CD or DVD and mailed to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Attn: Barbara Barry at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, CA 92501. Paper submittals are discouraged but may be mailed to the address provided.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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