

Notice of a Public Hearing and Notice of Filing Pursuant to §21080.5 of the Public Resources Code to Revise the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will consider adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate the statewide Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy. The Regional Board will also consider updates to the Salt Management Plan specified in the Basin Plan. Action on the proposed amendments will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exemption under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The public hearing to consider the adoption of amendments to the Basin Plan will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on January 31, 2014 at the following time and location:

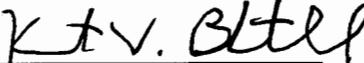
DATE: January 31, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda

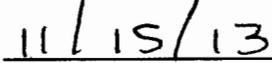
In summary, the following amendments to the Basin Plan are proposed: incorporation of the statewide Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy; recognition of the hydrogeological boundary for Yucaipa/Beaumont Plains Management Zones that differs from the legal boundary; update of the Basin Plan language related to the groundwater management zone ambient total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrate-nitrogen determination; incorporation of a nitrogen loss coefficient for the San Jacinto area groundwater management zones; update of the descriptive language relating to wastewater reclamation; and revision of the Yucaipa, Beaumont and San Timoteo Management Zones "Maximum Benefit" Programs.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment and staff report will be available no later than December 17, 2013. Copies may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951)782-4130 or obtained from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after December 17, 2013. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951)782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Hope Smythe at the address listed above or by e-mail at Hope.Smythe@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by January 15, 2014 will be prepared.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951)782-3285 no later than January 27, 2014.


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Executive Officer
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board


Date