

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SANTA ANA REGION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING PURSUANT TO §21080.5
OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE**

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). The proposed amendments consist of the following:

- Remove fecal coliform objectives for water contact recreation (REC1) for bays and estuaries, and establish an averaging period for the enterococcus objective for REC1 promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA);
- Remove the fecal coliform total maximum daily load (TMDL) for Newport Bay for REC1;
- Revise the compliance schedule for the fecal coliform TMDL for Newport Bay for the shellfish harvesting beneficial use (SHEL);
- Revise the SHEL beneficial use definition to be consistent with statewide and public health definitions;
- Revise existing antidegradation targets for *E. coli* for non-contact recreation (REC2) only waters (Temescal Creek, Reach 1a, and Santa Ana-Delhi Channel, Reach 2), and incorporate new *E. coli* antidegradation targets for Santa Ana-Delhi Channel Reach 1, Temescal Creek Reach 1b, and Cucamonga Creek Reach 1; and,
- Update Beneficial Use Table 3-1 and Water Quality Objective Table 4-1 by adding certain waters, designating beneficial uses for those waters, and adding certain beneficial use designations to waters already listed 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 Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

A public hearing will be held by the Regional Board to consider adoption of the proposed amendments. Changes to the proposed amendments consistent with their general purpose may be considered by the Regional Board at the hearing. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board meeting as follows:

DATE: December 9, 2016
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA

The proposed Basin Plan amendments, staff report and Substitute Environmental Document (SED) that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendments will be available on October 14, 2016. The proposed Basin Plan amendments and other relevant documentation can be obtained from the Regional Board website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/bpa_fc_re_c1.shtml

or upon request to Regional Board staff at (951) 782-4130. These 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 October 14, 2016. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. Written comments and exhibits on the proposed amendments must be submitted before or at **9:00 a.m. on November 30, 2016**. Responses to comments received by this date will be prepared. The Regional Board will accept oral testimony at the public hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments presented at the hearing to the Regional Board's Executive Assistant. Note that all exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other testimony presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Board to become part of the administrative record. The Regional Board may impose time limits on oral presentations at the hearing. Persons with similar views are encouraged to make joint presentations. Speakers may be required to summarize testimony.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to David Woelfel at david.woelfel@Waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-7960, or Wanda Cross at wanda.cross@waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-4468, or to the Regional Board office address listed above.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board hearing should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951) 782-3285 no later than December 2, 2016. We request that those in attendance at the meetings refrain from the use of perfumes, colognes or other fragrances to accommodate those with allergy sensitivities.

Date: October 10, 2016

KURT V. BERCHTOLD
Executive Officer