



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region



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Notice of a Public Hearing Basin Plan Amendment to Revise the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Nitrate-Nitrogen Objectives for the San Jacinto Upper Pressure Management Zone Based on Maximum Benefit to the State of California

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on October 29, 2010 at the following time and location:

DATE: October 29, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

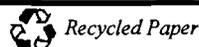
The proposed Basin Plan amendment includes incorporation of "maximum benefit" objectives for TDS and nitrate-nitrogen for the San Jacinto Upper Pressure Management Zone (SJUPMZ) and a salt management plan to achieve those objectives. The amendment will allow implementation of the Hemet/San Jacinto Water Management Plan, developed through a coordinated effort among Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, the city of Hemet, the city of San Jacinto, and two of the area's largest farming operations. This Management Plan includes the use of recycled water in the SJUPMZ and other water management activities that, collectively, are intended to reduce overdraft and increase the sustainability and reliability of the local groundwater resources.

Application of the "maximum benefit" TDS and nitrate-nitrogen objectives is contingent on the implementation of a specific program of projects and activities by EMWD. This program is delineated in the proposed amendment. Absent timely and satisfactory implementation of that program, the established "anti-degradation" objectives will apply for regulatory purposes.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment, staff report, and a Substitute Environmental Document that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendment, will be available no later than September 15, 2010. A copy of the staff report 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 September 15, 2010. 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 Xinyu "Cindy" Li at

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the address listed above or by e-mail at cli@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by October 1, 2010 will be prepared.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 or Cindy Li at (951)782-4906. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951)782-3285 no later than October 15, 2010.

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