



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region



Terry Tamminen
Secretary for
Environmental
Protection

3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California 92501-3348
(951) 782-4130 • Fax (951) 781-6288
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

Notice of a Public Hearing

Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Watershed Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

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 December 17, 2004 at the following time and location:

DATE: December 17, 2004
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the Regional Board has identified Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore as water quality limited segments, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. The impairment of Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore is due, in part, to excessive levels of nutrients. To address the impairment, the Regional Board has developed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nutrients that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. The draft Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore Nutrient TMDLs were presented and discussed at Regional Board workshops on June 4, 2004 and September 17, 2004. Based on written and oral comments received, the proposed Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs have been revised.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment, staff report with responses to comments received, and Environmental Checklist that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendment, will be available no later than November 1, 2004. 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 November 1, 2004. 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 the address listed above or by e-mail at cli@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by December 2, 2004 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 December 5, 2004.

/s/

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

Date

California Environmental Protection Agency