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NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING regarding

Development of a Basin Plan Amendment for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)
for Organochlorine Compounds
(Total DDT, Total PCBs, Chlordane, and Toxaphene)
for San Diego Creek, Upper Newport Bay, and Lower Newport Bay
Orange County, California

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) staff will hold a CEQA scoping meeting to discuss development of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate TMDLs for organochlorine compounds (OCs) and an OCs TMDL Implementation Plan for San Diego Creek, Upper Newport Bay and Lower Newport Bay, Orange County, California.

Staff will discuss a proposed amendment to adopt TMDLs for total DDT, total PCBs, chlordane and toxaphene for San Diego Creek, and TMDLs for total DDT, total PCBs, and chlordane for Upper and Lower Newport Bay.

WHEN: August 9, 2006
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Irvine Ranch Water District
Michelson Operations Center, Multipurpose Room
3512 Michelson Drive
Irvine, California

This workshop will provide participants with: (1) background on Regional Board mandates under the Federal Clean Water Act and the State Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and the Basin Plan Amendment Process; (2) background on sources of OCs in the San Diego Creek/Newport Bay watershed; (3) elements of the proposed TMDLs and proposed Basin Plan Amendment; (4) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental documents to be prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act; and (5) an opportunity to comment on the scope of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan. Comments received in response to the workshop will be considered by staff in development of the substitute environmental documents and the draft Basin Plan Amendment, and all comments received will be included in the final administrative record. Regional Board consideration of the proposed amendment is expected in Fall 2006.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Public and private land owners; county officials in charge of land use and storm water management; federal, state and local regulators and water management officials; environmental groups; and other groups or individuals interested in pollution reduction efforts for the San Diego Creek/Newport Bay watershed.

The draft staff report in support of the San Diego Creek/Newport Bay organochlorine compounds TMDLs Basin Plan amendment will be available after August 1, 2006, at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana

If you need more information about the meeting, you may contact Kathy Rose at (951) 321-4585, or at krose@waterboards.ca.gov. The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals

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requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Dr. Rose at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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Continued Notifications Regarding this Amendment

In order to continue to receive notices regarding this amendment, interested persons must notify the Regional Board by filling out and returning this form to:

Coastal Waters Planning Section
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If you do not return the attached form, you will not receive any further notice on the OCs TMDLs for San Diego Creek/Newport Bay.

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