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Notice of Public Workshop For a Review of Provisions to Incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Organochlorine Compounds For San Diego Creek, Upper Newport Bay, and Lower Newport Bay Into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will conduct a public workshop to consider amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on April 20, 2007, at the following time and location:

DATE: April 20, 2007
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the Regional Board has identified San Diego Creek, Upper and Lower Newport Bay, as being water quality limited, 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. Impairment of Upper and Lower Newport Bay is due to elevated levels of total DDT, total PCBs, and chlordane. Impairment of San Diego Creek is due to elevated levels of toxaphene.

To address the impairment, the Regional Board is required to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the organochlorine compounds that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. Regional Board staff has prepared draft San Diego Creek and Newport Bay Organochlorine Compounds TMDLs that were presented and discussed at a Regional Board workshop on December 1, 2006. Based on written comments received, the proposed TMDLs have been revised. The purpose of the April 20, 2007 workshop is to receive testimony on the revised TMDLs and draft Basin Plan amendment.

A staff report responding to comments received and reviewing revisions to the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be available no later than April 6, 2007. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130, or from the Regional Board 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 Monday through Friday. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The purpose of the public workshop is to receive testimony on the proposed San Diego Creek, Upper and Lower Newport Bay Organochlorine Compounds TMDLs and Basin Plan amendment. No formal action will occur at the April 20, 2007 workshop. Regional Board consideration of adoption of a proposed Basin Plan amendment will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the April 20, 2007 workshop. (For the sake of accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments.) Comments should be submitted to Terri Reeder or Wanda Cross at the address listed above or by e-mail at treeder@waterboards.ca.gov or wcross@waterboards.ca.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Terri Reeder at (951) 782-4995 or Wanda Cross at (951) 782-4468. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951) 782-4385, no later than April 9, 2007.

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