

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region



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Notice of Meeting Location Change

Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the Integrated Water Quality Assessment Report Including the Clean Water Action

Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region's April 24, 2009 public hearing to consider approval of the Clean Water Act section 305(b) Integrated Water Quality Assessment Report and the Clean Water Act section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters has been moved to the following location:

LOCATION: City of Santa Ana Council Chambers 22 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA

Please note that the date and time for the Regional Board meeting remains the same:

DATE:	April 24, 2009
TIME:	9:00 a.m.

Should you have any comments or questions regarding this matter, please contact Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 (<u>hsmythe@waterboards.ca.gov</u>) or Pavlova Vitale at (951)782-4920 (pvitale@waterboards.ca.gov).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT INCLUDING THE CLEAN WATER ACTION SECTION 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERBODIES WITHIN THE SANTA ANA REGION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Water Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the Integrated Report prepared pursuant to section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act, including adoption of an updated list of impaired waterbodies prepared pursuant to section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Water Board Meeting on April 24, 2009, which will be held as follows:

DATE:	April 24, 2009
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
	25541 Barton Road
	Loma Linda, CA

Note: The meeting location is subject to change. Please check the Regional Water Board website at <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/html/board_meeting_schedule.html</u>, or call (951) 782-4130 for the most current meeting information.

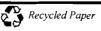
Discussion

Every two years, the State of California is required by Federal Clean Water Act Section 303(d) to develop and submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval a list of polluted waters or water quality limited segments where applicable water quality standards (the designated uses of a water segment, the adopted water quality criteria, and the State's Antidegradation Policy) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. In addition, waterbodies currently on the 303(d) list can be delisted when evidence documents that the impairment(s) has ceased and the water body is meeting water quality standards, or that the impairment listing was incorrect. The resulting 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies includes a description of the pollutants causing impairment and a schedule for developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for each pollutant or other appropriate regulatory actions. The TMDL is the maximum load of a pollutant that can be discharged and still ensure the attainment of applicable water quality standards. Placing a waterbody on the Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies generally requires the development of a TMDL(s) to address the source(s) of impairment.

In addition, Clean Water Act section 305(b) requires states to submit to USEPA for approval a report assessing surface water quality. For the 2008 update, the 303(d) list of impaired waters and the 305(b) surface water quality assessment are combined into an **Integrated Report**. To develop the Integrated Report and update the 303(d) List, Regional Water Board staff reviewed all available data and has compiled the assessed information into the Integrated Report.

The draft Integrated Report was presented and discussed at a Regional Water Board workshop on January 23, 2009. Based on comments received, the Integrated Report and the proposed

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303(d) list of impaired waters have been revised. A staff report responding to comments received and reviewing revisions to the proposed Integrated Report will be available no later than April 10, 2009 and may be obtained from the Regional Water Board's web-site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Water 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 April 10, 2009. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Regional Water Board office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Water 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 presented at the hearing to the Board's Executive Assistant. Note that all exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other testimony presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Water Board and will become part of the administrative record. Written comments should be submitted to Pavlova Vitale by April 16, 2009 at the address listed above or by email at <u>pvitale@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Pavlova Vitale at (951)782-4920, or Hope Smythe at (951) 782-4493.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Water Board workshop hearing should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951) 782-3285 no later than April 13, 2009.

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