

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS 305(B) AND 303(D) INTEGRATED REPORT FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION

PUBLIC HEARING

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

San Diego Water Board Hearing Room

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego, California 92123-4340

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is considering providing recommendations for changes to both the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies, and CWA Section 305(b) report on the water quality of waterbodies within the San Diego Region. Clean Water Act Section 305(b) requires each state to report biennially to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) on the water quality condition of its waters. CWA Section 303(d) requires each State to develop, update, and submit biennially to the U. S. EPA a list of waterbodies or segments that are "impaired or threatened" which either do not meet, or not expected to meet, water quality standards. In addition, waterbodies on the 303(d) list can be delisted when evidence proves that the impairment(s) does not exist and the waterbody is meeting water quality standards, or that the impairment listing is flawed. Impaired waterbodies or segments on the 303(d) list must be addressed through the development of TMDLs or by other means as described in the State's Water Quality Control Policy of Addressing Impaired Waters. In conformance with U. S. EPA guidance (U. S. EPA, 2005), the Water Boards are preparing a single state-wide Integrated Report that meets the reporting requirements of CWA sections 303(d) and 305(b).

These changes are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public hearing on October 14, 2009, at a meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. The San Diego Water Board may deliberate and consider action on the recommendations for changes to the CWA at the close of the public hearing.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to present testimony. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy, testimony should be presented in writing.

Submittal of written comments is requested by 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2009, so that written responses may be developed prior to the public hearing. However, written comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Comments submitted prior to October 7, 2009, at 5 p.m. will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members in advance of the public hearing. Comments should be submitted in either MS WORD or pdf format by email to:

CTest@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments on paper may also be submitted, but electronic format is preferred.

Comments on paper should be submitted to: Ms. Cynthia Gorham-Test

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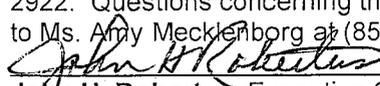
AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Informational documents related to this matter will be available on August 31, 2009, and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office or on the web page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/p/rograms/303d_list/index.shtml. For additional information please contact Ms. Cynthia Gorham-Test at (858) 467-2957.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parking is available at the hearing location. See the San Diego Water Board web site for a map to the workshop and hearing location. The workshop and hearing room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to the October 14, 2009 hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Ms. Amy Mecklenborg at (858) 637-7139.


John H. Robertus, Executive Officer, August 31, 2009