

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION TO REVISE THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR NITRATE-NITROGEN IN THE CHINO SOUTH GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Santa Ana Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin that would revise the water quality objective for nitrate-nitrogen in the Chino South Groundwater Management Zone for the Santa Ana Region (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board on August 4, 2017 (Resolution No. R8-2017-0036), and is available for review at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) Web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/salt_management_plan.shtml

A copy of the amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Keith Person at (951) 782-4997 or keith.person@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Santa Ana Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments **must subscribe** to the State Water Board's email subscription service located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. On this webpage under the "General Interests" category check the box for the "Board Meetings", provide your email address and name, then click on the "subscribe" button. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the Santa Ana Water Board TMDL lead staff contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on December 20, 2017**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter- Santa Ana Region Chino South Revised Water Quality Objective**".

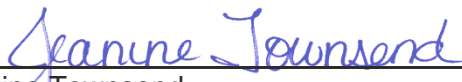
REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board.
2. If the Santa Ana Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Santa Ana Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Santa Ana Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Santa Ana Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Keith Person, Regional Salt and Nutrient Coordinator at Santa Ana Water Board, at (951) 782-4997 or keith.person@waterboards.ca.gov. All legal questions should be directed to David Rice, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5182 or david.rice@waterboards.ca.gov.

November 17, 2017

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board