

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold three public workshops on the renewal of Order No. R9-2016-0004, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers that are Members of a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region* and Order No. R9-2016-0005, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dischargers from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers Not Participating in a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region* (collectively, Ag Orders). The San Diego Water Board regulates commercial irrigated agricultural operations, which threaten to discharge waste to surface waters and groundwaters throughout the San Diego Region.

The purpose of the public workshops is for the San Diego Water Board to discuss proposed changes to the Ag Orders and receive informal comments from stakeholders and interested members of the public. The San Diego Water Board will consider the comments and information received during the public workshops while considering revisions to the Ag Orders. The San Diego Water Board anticipates releasing the revised Ag Orders for formal public review and comment later this year.

Public Workshop Schedule and Locations

The San Diego Water Board will conduct the public workshops at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
August 15, 2023	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rancho California Water District 42135 Winchester Road Temecula, CA 92590
August 18, 2023	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Zoom meeting information below
August 22, 2023	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	San Diego Farm Bureau 420 South Broadway, Suite 200 Escondido, CA 92025

Zoom Meeting Information:

Stakeholders and members of the public interested in attending the August 18, 2023, workshop must register using the following link. Zoom will provide registered individuals a link to join the workshop via a confirmation email.

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YUhwz6jhQN-e52Hnd8Y5lQ#/registration

Public Workshop Procedure

San Diego Water Board staff will present proposed changes to the Ag Orders during the workshop to facilitate an open dialog with stakeholders and members of the public. Staff will take notes on the verbal comments received during the workshops. Workshop

participants may also submit written comments to the San Diego Water Board after the workshops by email at RB9_Ag_Order@waterboards.ca.gov or by mail to:

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Ag Orders Renewal
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108-2700

Document Availability

The Ag Orders are available on the San Diego Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/commercial_agriculture/

Interested persons may also receive copies of the Ag Orders by contacting Cailynn Smith by phone at (619) 521-3380 or email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov or Abigail Pashina by phone at (619) 521-3379 or email at Abigail.Pashina@waterboards.ca.gov, or by otherwise addressing written requests to:

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Accessibility

Individuals who have special accommodation needs or require interpreter services, should contact Cailynn Smith by phone at (619) 521-3380 or email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov or Abigail Pashina by phone at (619) 521-3379 or email at Abigail.Pashina@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 business prior to the workshop.

Electronic Mailing List

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for its Commercial Agriculture Regulatory Program. The San Diego Water Board uses the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of online documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to the electronic mail list titled "Agriculture and Nurseries," located under "Special Topics" at the following link: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=san_diego

Contact for Further Information

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Date of Notice: July 14, 2023