
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SCOPING MEETING

BIOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public scoping meeting to provide information and receive public feedback on the proposed scope of the Basin Plan Amendment for Biological Objectives in the San Diego Region. The meeting will be held at the following location and time:

**Thursday, July 28, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
San Diego Water Board, Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100; San Diego, CA 92108**

The intent of the CEQA scoping meeting is to assist the San Diego Water Board in determining the scope and content of the CEQA environmental document. During this scoping meeting, staff will provide an overview of the CEQA process, development of the Basin Plan Amendment for Biological Objectives, and the proposed schedule for the project. Staff will receive public verbal comments regarding potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures related to the amendment. A quorum of Board members may be present at the meeting but no action will be taken.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The mission of the San Diego Water Board is to protect and restore the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of waters in the San Diego Region. Existing water quality objectives in the San Diego Water Board's Basin Plan emphasize the chemical integrity of waters on a pollutant by pollutant basis, which might not adequately protect the biological integrity of waters. A water quality objective for biological condition is critical to restoring and maintaining the biological integrity of the region's waters.

On May 13, 2015, the San Diego Water Board adopted Resolution No 2015-0043, "[**Adopting a Prioritized List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions Developed Through the 2014 Basin Plan Review**](#)" (Resolution). In adopting the Resolution, The San Diego Water Board identified priority focus areas for revision of the Basin Plan. Biological Objectives were identified as a Tier 1 Issue.

San Diego Water Board staff have begun working on the development of biological objectives, which will include a narrative biological objective for water bodies, in addition to a numeric measure(s) to interpret the narrative objective based on water body type.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A draft Basin Plan Amendment, including a Staff Technical Report, is being developed and is not yet available for public comment. More information regarding the development of biological objectives can be found on the San Diego Water Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/bio_objectives/index.shtml

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the San Diego Water Board Office, please refer to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/. Two-hour free parking is available on a first-come first-serve basis, and long term fee parking is available in an adjacent parking structure. The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. The facility is also accessible via public transit.

Persons requiring special accommodation should contact Chris Blank at (619) 521-3382 or Chris.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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