## NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN TO INCORPORATE IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES TO ACCOUNT FOR LOADING FROM NATURAL UNCONTROLLABLE SOURCES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

PUBLIC HEARING 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2008 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 a Basin Plan amendment to incorporate implementation provisions for indicator bacteria water quality objectives to account for loading from natural uncontrollable sources with the context of a total maximum daily load. The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under section 13240 of the Water Code. The Basin Plan amendment will be a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the San Diego Water Board will be the lead agency. The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter.

## FILING OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Action on the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare environmental documents under the CEQA [Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.] and other applicable laws and regulations. In compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board's CEQA implementation regulations [23 CCR 3720 et seq.], the San Diego Water Board has prepared CEQA substitute environmental documents including a technical report, a tentative draft of the Basin Plan amendment, and an environmental checklist for this project [23 CCR 3776].

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public hearing on May 14, 2008, at a meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. The San Diego Water Board may deliberate and consider action on the Basin Plan amendment 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 April 14, 2008, 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, May 14, 2008. Comments submitted prior to May 7, 2007, 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:

<u>amecklenborg@waterboards.ca.gov</u>. Comments on paper may also be submitted, but electronic format is preferred. Comments on paper should be submitted to:

Ms. Amy Mecklenborg California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123-4340.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

Informational documents related to this matter will be available on February 29, 2007, and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office or on the web page at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/programs/basinplan\_amendments.html">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/programs/basinplan\_amendments.html</a>. For additional information please contact Ms. Amy Mecklenborg at (858) 637-7139.

#### 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 April 9, 2008 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.

John H. Robertus Executive Officer February 29, 2007