CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0071, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Chula Vista, Poggi Canyon Channel Maintenance Project, San Diego County* (Tentative Order) for public review and comment. The San Diego Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order at its regularly scheduled meeting on **November 12, 2025**.

The San Diego Water Board is considering adoption of the Tentative Order in response to a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) application submitted by the City of Chula Vista (Discharger) for the permanent ecological degradation of 0.69 acre (550 linear feet) of wetland waters of the State from the Poggi Canyon Channel Maintenance Project (Project). The Project is in Poggi Canyon Creek located adjacent to Olympic Parkway between Brandywine Avenue and East Palomar Street within the City of Chula Vista, San Diego County, California.

The Tentative Order authorizes unavoidable direct impacts by the Project to the jurisdictional wetland aquatic resources and requires the Discharger to provide compensatory mitigation sufficient to offset the permanent impacts. The Discharger proposes to implement the Olympic Parkway Poggi Canyon Maintenance Plan (Maintenance Plan) dated June 2024 to remove accumulated sediment and wetland vegetation from established maintenance areas upstream and downstream of each inlet and outlet structure as well as storm drain outlets, which enter various areas of the channel. The Maintenance Plan describes how maintenance will be done, what methods and equipment will be used, where access and staging areas are located for each site, and when maintenance is needed based on established criteria. Maintenance is expected to be conducted annually between September 16 and January 14 or when criteria defined in the Maintenance Plan are met. Under the terms of the Tentative Order, the Discharger was required to demonstrate that replacement of the full range of lost aquatic resource(s) and/or functions through compensatory mitigation will be provided in perpetuity. Thus, the Tentative Order will authorize the Discharger to proceed with the Project subject to the conditions of the Tentative Order.

Document Availability

The Tentative Order and related documents are available online at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board decisions/tentative orders/

Interested people may also receive copies of the Tentative Order by contacting Lisa Honma by phone at (619) 521-3367, or by email at Lisa.Honma@waterboards.ca.gov, or by visiting the San Diego Water Board's office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Submission of Written Comments

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order in accordance with this notice pursuant to Water Code section 13167.5.

The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested people to comment on the Tentative Order. All written comments regarding the Tentative Order must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025**, to be considered by the San Diego Water Board. Written comments sent by mail must be addressed to California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, and ATTN: Lisa Honma (893566:lhonma). Comments can also be submitted by email to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. The subject line of all written comments must include "Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0071 (893566:lhonma)."

The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025**, will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review in advance of the public hearing to consider the adoption of the Tentative Order. The San Diego Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received. Consistent with State Water Resources Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025**, will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption

The San Diego Water Board will publish a *Meeting Notice and Agenda* in advance of the public hearing for the Tentative Order. The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* will indicate the meeting date, time, location, and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing. The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at the following webpage:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board info/agendas/

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found in the California Code of Regulations (CCRs), title 23, section 647, et seq. and are available upon request.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. The *Meeting Notice* and *Agenda* for this meeting will provide contact information for people requesting special accommodation.

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Lisa Honma by phone at (619) 521-3367, or by email <u>Lisa.Honma@waterboards.ca.gov</u> for information regarding the above-proposed action. Please share this information with any person who is interested in this matter.

Date of Notice: October 1, 2025