

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0005 amending
Order No. R9-2021-0001 as amended by Order No. R9-2023-0009,
NPDES No. CA0108928

Waste Discharge Requirements for the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean Through the South Bay Ocean Outfall

Please Take Notice

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0005 Amending Order No. R9-2021-0001 as Amended by Order No. R9-2023-0009, NPDES No. CA0108928 *Waste Discharge Requirements for the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall Ocean Outfall* (Tentative Order). If adopted, the Tentative Order will update USIBWC's NPDES permit to reflect up to 10 million gallons per day (MGD) of additional influent wastewater undergoing advanced primary treatment at the SBIWTP. Proposed changes include: 1) revised effluent limitations, performance goals, and influent action levels; 2) requirement for USIBWC to submit a Treatment Optimization Report to the San Diego Water Board; 3) updates to Attachment F (Fact Sheet) to reflect USIBWC's 10 MGD expansion, updated facility contact information, and changes to the description of Tijuana's sewage collection system; and 4) minor updates to Attachment A (Abbreviations and Definitions) and Attachment C (Flow Schematics).

Document Availability

Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0005 and all relevant attachments are available on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendments during the public comment period by email (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov), in person, or by mail to the attention of Mr. Riley Nolan at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108-2700. The proposed amendments are listed in Tentative Order No. R9-2026-

0005. The proposed amendments are also shown in redline/strikeout in Attachment 1 to Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0005. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0005." The deadline for submittal of written comments is **Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time)**.

The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after **Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time)**. Late comments will not be accepted if doing so would prejudice any party in accordance with section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption

The public hearing on this Tentative Order will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
San Diego Regional Water Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, San Diego, California 92108-2700

The meeting agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/

Reasonable time limits may be set for oral statements. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The meeting notice and agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

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

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Mr. Riley Nolan, Water Resource Control Engineer, by e-mail at Riley.Nolan@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the Tentative Order. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.

Date of Notice: January 14, 2026