

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD FOR SETTLEMENT OFFER NO. R9-2026-0016 RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF ORDER NO. R9-2019-0003 AS AMENDED, NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM NO. CA0109223 FOR CHANNELSIDE WATER RESOURCES LP, CLAUDE “BUD” LEWIS CARLSBAD DESALINATION PLANT, CARLSBAD, CA 92008, DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing, for public review and comment, Settlement Offer No. R9-2026-0016 *Related to Violations of Order No. R9-2019-0003 as amended, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CA0109223 for Channelside Water Resources LP, Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant, Carlsbad, CA 92008, Discharge to the Pacific Ocean* (Settlement Offer). The Settlement Offer is an agreement between Channelside Water Resources LP (Discharger) and the San Diego Water Board to address alleged violations of Order No. R9-2019-0003, as amended by Orders No. R9-2020-0004 and No. R9-2023-0137, NPDES No. CA0109223, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Poseidon Resources (Channelside) LP Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean*. (Order). To resolve the alleged violations without formal administrative proceedings, the Discharger has agreed to pay the mandatory minimum penalties related to alleged violations in the amount of \$3,000.

Document Availability

A copy of the Settlement Offer is available for download and review at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. If you would like to review a copy of the Settlement Offer signed by the San Diego Water Board’s Acting Assistant Executive Officer and the Discharger, please submit a request to Cailynn Smith via email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov, or by phone at (619) 521-3380.

Written Comment Period

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board is accepting written comments on the Settlement Offer. Written comments are due by **5:00 pm on March 19, 2026**.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Settlement Offer during the public comment period by e-mail to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov or by mail to the Executive Office at the San Diego Water Board at:

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Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments “Comment – Settlement Offer No. R9-2026-0016, 640063:CSmith.” The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the deadline. All comments timely received will be provided to the San Diego Water Board, or its delegate, to consider whether to accept or deny the Settlement Offer. The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the Settlement Offer.

Contact Information

For questions or additional information, please contact Cailynn Smith by phone (619) 521-3380 or by email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov.