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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD FOR

#### **SETTLEMENT OFFER NO. R9-2026-0044 TO THE CITY OF CORONADO TO SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY OF \$34,430 FOR SANITARY SEWER SPILLS TO SAN DIEGO BAY AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN OCCURRING IN JULY AND OCTOBER, 2025**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing, for public review and comment, Settlement Offer No. R9-2026-0044 (Tentative Order), an agreement between the City of Coronado (City) and the San Diego Water Board's Prosecution Team (Prosecution Team) to settle administrative civil liability associated with two sanitary sewer spills from the City's sanitary sewer system.

The City's failure to prevent the spills were in violation of the discharge prohibitions of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Water Quality Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ, *Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Sanitary Sewer Systems* and San Diego Water Board Order No. R9-2007-0005, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Sewage Collection Agencies in the San Diego Region*. The first spill occurred on July 1, 2025, resulting in a discharge of 1,273 gallons of untreated sewage to San Diego Bay (Coronado Cays Spill). The second spill occurred on October 20, 2025, resulting in a discharge of 2,170 gallons of untreated sewage to the Pacific Ocean (North Beach Spill).

To resolve the violations without formal administrative proceedings, the Prosecution Team and the City reached a settlement and agreed to the imposition of an administrative civil liability in the amount of \$34,430, where a portion of the liability (\$17,215) will be directed to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Regional Monitoring Program Supplemental Environmental Project in accordance with State Water Board Resolution 2021-0015, which is available at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/compliance/docs/swrcb\\_2021\\_0015.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/compliance/docs/swrcb_2021_0015.pdf).

This penalty was calculated in accordance with the State Water Board's Water Quality Enforcement Policy and its penalty calculation methodology, which is described in Exhibit B to the Tentative Order and available at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/2024/2024-enforcement-policy.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/2024/2024-enforcement-policy.pdf).

### **Document Availability**

A copy of the Tentative Order and its Exhibits are available for download and review from the San Diego Water Board's website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

### **Submission of Written Comments**

The Prosecution Team is accepting written comments on the Tentative Order. **Written comments are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 18, 2026.** 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 agreement. The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the deadline.

Interested persons may submit written comments by e-mail to the attention of Christina Arias at [SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov) . Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0044; PIN: CW-631933:CArias."

### **Contact Information**

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