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. R9-2026-0081, *Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ for HomeFed Fanita Rancho LLC, Fanita Ranch Project, San Diego County* (Tentative Order) for public review and comment.

The San Diego Water Board is considering adoption of the Tentative Order in response to an application submitted by HomeFed Fanita Rancho LLC (Discharger) for the discharge of permanent fill material to 4.86 acres (97,960 linear feet) of ephemeral streambed, 0.80 acre (1,230 linear feet) of wetland, and 0.015 acre (95 linear feet) of vernal pool and seasonal depression waters of the United States and/or State from the Fanita Ranch Project (Project). The Project is located near Fanita Parkway in the City of Santee, San Diego County, California.

The Tentative Order authorizes unavoidable direct impacts by the Project to non-wetland stream channel, wetland, and vernal pool and seasonal depression waters and requires the Discharger to implement compensatory mitigation sufficient to offset the permanent impacts. The Project includes mass grading and construction of a mixed-use development, including roadways and utility infrastructure. The development will be comprised of three village clusters with up to 3,008 housing units and a large Habitat Preserve of natural open space areas, drainages, and key wildlife corridors. 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 Eric Becker by phone at (619) 521-3364, or by email at Eric.Becker@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, July 31, 2026**, 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: Eric Becker (900824:ebecker). 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. R9-2026-0081 (900824:ebecker)."

The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026**, will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review 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, July 31, 2026,** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Contact for Further Information
Please contact Eric Becker by phone at (619) 521-3364, or by email Eric.Becker@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the above-proposed action. Please share this information with any person who is interested in this matter.

Date of Notice: July 1, 2026