

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL
BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing, for public review and comment Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0054, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Montecito Ranch LLC, Montecito Ranch Project, San Diego County* (Tentative Order).

The San Diego Water Board is considering adoption of the Tentative Order in response to a Report of Waste Discharger (ROWD) application submitted by Montecito Ranch LLC (Discharger) for the discharge of fill material from the Montecito Ranch development project (Project) to unnamed ephemeral drainages tributary to Santa Ysabel Creek near the intersection of Montecito Way and Sonora Way in Ramona, CA.

The Tentative Order requires the Discharger to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to the aquatic resources of unnamed ephemeral drainages tributary to Santa Ysabel Creek to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the State impacted by the Project are maintained after Project completion. The Tentative Order also authorizes unavoidable direct impacts to the unnamed ephemeral drainages attributed to the Project and requires the Discharger to implement compensatory mitigation sufficient to offset permitted Project impacts. Under the terms of the Tentative Order, the Applicant must also provide assurance that replacement of the full range of lost aquatic resource(s) and/or functions thorough compensatory mitigation will be provided in perpetuity.

Document Availability

The name and address of the Discharger, the Tentative Order and attachments thereto, and other related documents are available on the San Diego Water Board website at:

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

Interested persons may also receive copies of the Tentative Order by contacting Mr. Alan Monji at (619) 521-3968 or e-mail at Alan.Monji@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 receive written comments on the aforementioned Tentative Order in accordance with this notice pursuant to Water Code section 13167.5.

The submission of written comments is the opportunity for interested persons to raise and comment on issues pertaining to the Tentative Order. All written comments pertaining to the Tentative Order to be considered by the San Diego Water Board must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31,**

2016. Written comments must be sent to the San Diego Water Board office attention to Alan Monji or e-mailed to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0054" indicating the Tentative Order being addressed. The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review in advance of the public hearing to consider 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 Tuesday, May 31, 2016 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

A public hearing on this Tentative Order will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22, 2016**, at the **San Diego Regional Water Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, San Diego California**. This item will be heard during a meeting that starts at 9:00 a.m. 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/.

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.

Information related to these matters, including the Tentative Order, is currently available and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board's office or on the San Diego Water Board's webpage at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>. 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.

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Alan Monji by phone at (619) 521-3968 or e-mail at Alan.Monji@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the above proposed action. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.