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San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0001, 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. R9-2021-0001, 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* (Tentative Order). The Tentative Order, if adopted by the San Diego Water Board, would reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and waste discharge requirements authorizing the discharge of up to 25 million gallons per day of treated wastewater from the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) to the Pacific Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall (SBOO).

The SBIWTP is located at 2995 Clearwater Way, San Diego, California 92154. The SBIWTP treats sewage flows collected from the City of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico that exceed the capacity of Tijuana's sewage treatment and conveyance facilities. The SBIWTP also treats some transboundary flows in canyons and gullies that empty from Tijuana into the Tijuana River Estuary on the United States side of the international border. All SBIWTP treated wastewater is discharged to the Pacific Ocean through the SBOO. The SBOO was constructed for shared use by the SBIWTP, operated by the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, and the City of San Diego's South Bay Water Reclamation Plant.

Document Availability

Information related to this matter is available online at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Interested persons may receive a copy of the Tentative Order by contacting Vicente Rodriguez by phone at (619) 521-3966 or by email at Vicente.Rodriguez@waterboards.ca.gov or by otherwise addressing written requests to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700. Please note that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency the San Diego Water Board office is closed to the public and non-essential file reviews are postponed.

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Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Tentative Order during the public comment period in person, by email, or by mail to the attention of Mr. Vicente Rodriguez (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0011". The deadline for submittal of written comments is **5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2021**.

The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the **March 25, 2021** deadline. 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, May 12, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

Video and Teleconference Meeting Only

No Physical Meeting Location

(Authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#))

Video broadcast of meetings will also be available at <https://cal-span.org/>

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

https://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 Vicente Rodriguez at (619) 521-3966, or by email at Vicente.Rodriguez@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: February 23, 2021