



San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 27, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024/2025 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a public hearing on the 2024/2025 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan). The purpose of the Triennial Review is to identify and prioritize possible revisions to water quality standards and other aspects of the Basin Plan. The product of the Triennial Review is a list of priority projects to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments.

The San Diego Water Board will consider the 2024/2025 Basin Plan Triennial Review and proposed 3-year workplan at the following meeting:

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, Meeting Room 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92108 And via Video and Teleconference

The public hearing will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option to participate from a remote location.

The agenda for the August 13, 2025, San Diego Water Board meeting and instructions for participating in the public hearing will be posted no less than ten days prior to the board meeting at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/. If you wish to ask a question or make a comment, you must attend in-person or join via Zoom using the instructions provided in the meeting notice and agenda.

A webcast will also be available to those wishing to only watch the meeting. The webcast will be available at: <u>San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board - YouTube</u> or <u>CalEPA Public Webcasts</u>.

Background

The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establishes water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, sets antidegradation requirements, and describes implementation policies to achieve water quality objectives in the San Diego Region; collectively, these are known as water quality standards. State and federal laws¹ require periodic review and update of the Basin Plan and the Water Board's review is sometimes referred to as the Triennial Review because federal law requires a review of water quality standards every three years.

A preliminary list of Basin Plan projects was released on December 2, 2024. Written comments for possible revisions to the preliminary list and other aspects of the Basin Plan were accepted from December 2, 2024, to February 14, 2025. A public workshop to provide information and to hear comments was held on January 29, 2025.

The San Diego Water Board staff are preparing a response to comments document to address written comments received by February 14, 2025. The comments received will be considered in the development of an updated staff report and prioritized list that will be presented to the San Diego Water Board for adoption consideration at the public hearing. Oral comments are permitted at the Public Hearing.

Document Availability

Interested persons may view the staff report and list of priority projects at the San Diego Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review_html

Procedural Matters

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the 2024/2025 Triennial Review, including the Prioritized List, proposed resolution and Staff Report, at the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed resolution completing the 2024/2025 Triennial Review and the Prioritized List. Adoption of the Triennial Review List does not mean that the San Diego Water Board will adopt any proposed Basin Plan amendments identified on the Triennial Review Prioritized List. Such Basin Plan amendments will proceed through a separate development and evaluation process, including future public hearings and opportunities for the public and other stakeholders to provide comments.

To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will generally be limited to three minutes. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

¹ State law requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed [Water Code §13240]. Federal law requires water quality standards to be reviewed every three years [Clean Water Act §303(c)(1)].

Individuals who require special accommodations or language needs should contact Ms. Chris Blank by phone at (619) 521-3382 or by email at Christina.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Interested Persons List

To receive future notices pertaining to Basin Planning projects, please subscribe to the electronic mailing list at (select "Basin Planning Issues"): https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?gsp=san_diego

Staff Contact

Please direct questions about this notice or the Basin Plan Triennial Review to Jody Ebsen at RB9-BasinPlan@waterboards.ca.gov.

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