

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

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD FOR
TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION FOR
ENTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER
NO. R9-2025-0053**

**IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF SAN DIEGO,
MARCH 2023 SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW
LAKE HODGES RESERVIOR**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing, for public review and comment, Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0053 (Tentative Order), a stipulated administrative civil liability Order to settle liability associated with a sanitary sewer system overflow (SSO) that occurred from the City of San Diego's sanitary sewer collection system on March 24, 2023. The SSO resulted in a discharge of 3,725 gallons of untreated sewage into Lake Hodges, a drinking water reservoir.

To resolve the violations described in the Tentative Order without formal administrative proceedings, the San Diego Water Board's Prosecution Team and the City of San Diego (Parties) reached a settlement and agreed to the imposition of an administrative civil liability in the amount of \$35,045, where a portion of the liability (\$10,080) will be directed to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Regional Monitoring Program Supplemental Environmental Project (RMP SEP) 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.

This penalty was calculated in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Enforcement Policy and its penalty calculation methodology, which is described in Attachment A to the Tentative Order and available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/2024/2024-enforcement-policy.pdf.

Document Availability

A copy of Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0053 and Attachment A 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/.

Submission of Written Comments

The San Diego Water Board is accepting written comments on the Tentative Order.

Written comments are due by 5:00 pm on April 21, 2025. 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 described in the Tentative Order. 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 . Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0053; PIN: CW-631631:CArias."

Contact Information

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