California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Recommendations for Changes to the Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)
Integrated Report for the San Diego Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a public workshop to provide information and receive public feedback on proposed changes to both the Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies and CWA section 305(b) report on the water quality of waterbodies within the San Diego Region. The workshop will be held at the following location and time:

Tuesday, July 19, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
San Diego Water Board, Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100; San Diego, CA 92108

PUBLIC WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

The workshop will be conducted to provide information and facilitate discussion with San Diego Water Board members and the public on the CWA sections 305(b) and 303(d) Integrated Report for the San Diego Region (Integrated Report). During the workshop, staff will provide an overview of the Integrated Report process, including data and methods used in the evaluation, as well as resultant status of waterbodies in the San Diego Region in terms of their support of their designated beneficial uses. Staff will receive public verbal comments regarding the Integrated Report process. A quorum of Board members will likely be present at the meeting but no Board action will be taken.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CWA section 305(b) requires each state to report biennially to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on the water quality condition of its waters. CWA section 303(d) requires each state to develop, update, and submit biennially to the USEPA a list of waterbodies or segments that are “impaired or threatened” which either do not meet, or not expected to meet, water quality standards. In addition, waterbodies on the 303(d) list can be delisted when evidence proves that the impairment(s) does not exist and the waterbody is meeting water quality standards, or that the impairment listing is flawed. Impaired waterbodies or segments on the 303(d) list must be addressed through the development of TMDLs or by other means as described in the State's Water Quality Control Policy of Addressing Impaired Waters. In conformance with USEPA guidance (USEPA, 2005), the State Water Board and nine Regional Water Boards are preparing a single statewide Integrated Report that meets the reporting requirements of CWA sections 303(d) and 305(b).

These changes are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter.
DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY
A draft Integrated Report will be made available to the public approximately 10 days prior to the workshop at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego). A public review period will be announced at that time. Input received at the workshop or during the review period will be considered by staff in the development of a final Integrated Report, tentatively scheduled for Board consideration on October 12, 2016. Staff anticipates preparing a summary of significant comments received during the public review process for the draft Integrated Report in advance of the Board’s consideration.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY
For directions to the San Diego Water Board Office, please refer to: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/). Two-hour free parking is available on a first-come first-serve basis, and long term fee parking is available in an adjacent parking structure. The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. The facility is also accessible via public transit.

Persons requiring special accommodation should contact Chris Blank at (619) 521-3382 or Chris.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION
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