
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**ANALYSIS OF COSTS AND BENEFITS OF MEETING
WET WEATHER FECAL INDICATOR BACTERIA
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD TARGETS FOR
CONTACT WATER RECREATION WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES**

**September 16, 2015
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

San Diego Water Board, Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a public meeting to discuss development of an analysis of the costs and benefits of complying with the San Diego Water Board's water quality objectives. The meeting will focus on the costs and benefits of meeting wet weather total maximum daily load (TMDL) targets for fecal bacteria indicators that are presently incorporated into the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) and Municipal Storm Water Permits. Two or more San Diego Water Board members may be present at the meeting, but no actions or voting will occur.

Purpose of the Analysis

A stakeholder group, including the San Diego Water Board, regulated municipalities, and other interested parties, will oversee a contractor-led analysis. The intent of the analysis is to identify and evaluate expected quantitative and qualitative costs of TMDL compliance against expected health and environmental benefits and the associated economic impacts. The analysis will consider relevant social, economic, and environmental factors. The analysis will also explore the costs and benefits of keeping the existing wet weather TMDL targets for bacteria indicators.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the September 16, 2015 public meeting is to inform the public and consult the public on issues that should be considered in the analysis, including relevant costs, consequences, and alternatives. A Steering Committee will meet before the public meeting to gather information from economists and begin development of a request for proposals (RFP) for a contractor to perform the analysis. Discussions at the public meeting will include an overview of the analysis purpose, the Steering Committee's role, the proposed scope of work, and how the results will be used.

Meeting Procedure

The meeting will be informal. Attendees may present oral comments and ask clarifying questions. Comments and information received during the meeting will be considered in finalizing the RFP and subsequent results of the analysis.

Background

In May 2015, the San Diego Water Board completed a triennial Basin Plan review. The Basin Plan review is the process by which the San Diego Water Board identifies and prioritizes suggested Basin Plan revisions in need of further evaluation. The product of the review is a priority list of projects that guides the work on the Basin Plan during the next three years. The proposed analysis is part of a priority-list project for evaluating contact water recreation (REC-1) water quality objectives and the methods for quantifying exceedances (Issue 3 of priority list).

Document Availability

Documents pertaining to the Basin Plan review, including the San Diego Water Board's evaluation of contact water recreation (REC-1) water quality objectives and the methods for quantifying exceedances, are available on the San Diego Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/

The website will be updated and a notice will be sent through the electronic mailing list as documents become available.

Electronic Mailing List

The San Diego Water Board will be establishing an electronic mailing list for the REC-1 Basin Plan review issue. To sign up for the list, visit:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml

Once that list has been created, the San Diego Water Board will send future related notices to subscribed interested parties. Meanwhile, this notice is being sent to parties signed up for existing mailing lists for "basin planning issues" and "bacteria impaired waters TMDLs."

Directions and Parking

For directions to the San Diego Water Board office, please refer to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/

On-site parking is available, and the facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. 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 also accessible via public transit. Individuals who require special accommodations should contact Ms. Christina Blank at (619) 521-3382 or chris.blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least five working days prior to the workshop. TTY/TVO/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Staff Contact

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