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San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC 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**

**August 31, 2016**

**9:30 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 provide an overview of the draft work plan for the analysis of the costs and benefits of complying with the wet weather targets in the two adopted Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) projects 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. The meeting will focus on how the analysis can inform policy decisions, the structure of the analysis, anticipated analytical methods and expected results.

**Purpose of the Analysis**

A stakeholder group, including the San Diego Water Board, regulated municipalities, and other interested parties, is overseeing 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 August 31, 2016 public meeting is to inform and consult the public on the draft work plan that has been developed by the contractor. The draft work plan will be available on the San Water Board website no later than August 17, 2016. During the meeting, the contractor will provide an introduction and overview of the approach and will review scenarios being considered in the analysis. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been established to provide technical advice and/or guidance on the draft work plan. The TAC has reviewed the draft work plan and has provided preliminary comments which will be summarized during the meeting.

### **Public Participation**

The San Diego Water Board invites the public to submit written comments for possible revisions to the draft work plan during the 30-day period from August 17, 2016 to September 16, 2016. All written comments, as well as comments received during the public meeting will be considered in the development of the final work plan. Please email written comments to:

[sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov)

Please include “REC-1 Triennial Review Project – Indicator Bacteria” on the subject line.

### **Meeting Procedure**

The meeting will be informal. Attendees may present oral comments and ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and effective public meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, questions and comments may be time-limited. A quorum of the San Diego Water Board members may be present at the meeting, but no actions or voting will occur.

### **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).

The cost and benefit analysis focuses on the wet weather targets and implementation for TMDLs adopted to address impairments of REC-1 water quality objectives. In 2002, several waterbodies throughout the San Diego Region were identified and listed on the Clean Water Act section 303(d) as impaired by bacteria. The bacteria concentrations were unreasonably impairing or threatening to impair the water quality needed to support the REC-1 designated beneficial use. In response, the San Diego Water Board adopted the following TMDLs as strategies to correct the bacteria impairments: The Revised Indicator Bacteria TMDLs, Twenty Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region (Including Tecolote Creek); and TMDLs for Indicator Bacteria, Baby Beach in Dana Point Harbor and Shelter Island Shoreline Park in San Diego Bay.

### **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/issue3.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/issue3.shtml)

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

### **Electronic Mailing List**

To receive future notices pertaining to the REC-1 Basin Plan review issue, please subscribe to the electronic mailing list at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg9\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml)

(REC-1 Triennial Review Project Indicator Bacteria)

### **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/](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](mailto:chris.blank@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TOO/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

**Staff Contact**

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