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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING AN ANALYSIS OF COSTS AND BENEFITS OF MEETING WET WEATHER FECAL INDICATOR BACTERIA TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD TARGETS FOR CONTACT WATER RECREATION WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will participate in a public meeting regarding a Cost and Benefits Analysis (CBA) to comply with the wet weather targets in the [Revised Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria, Project I – Twenty Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region \(Including Tecolote Creek\)](#) (Bacteria TMDL).

#### **Purpose of Analysis**

The intent of the analysis was to identify and evaluate expected quantitative and qualitative costs of TMDL compliance against expected health and environmental benefits. The CBA evaluated a range of scenarios that vary implementation methods. The analysis also explored the costs and benefits of keeping the existing wet weather TMDL targets for bacteria indicators. A Steering Committee oversaw the CBA development and included representatives from County of San Diego, County of Orange, the City of San Diego, Atlantis Group Land Use Consultants on behalf of the San Diego Tax Payers Association, San Diego River Park Foundation, and the San Diego Water Board. The County of San Diego, County of Orange, and the City of San Diego provided the funding for the CBA.

Copermitees and regulators can use results of the CBA to inform new strategies, TMDL water quality targets and implementation schedules. CBA results are not intended to capture all considerations, nor to present recommendations for change to the Bacteria TMDLs. Decision makers are expected to synthesize additional information, beyond costs and benefits, and to consider stakeholder input in their policy decisions.

#### **Purpose of Meeting**

The purpose of the public meeting is to inform and consult the public on the preliminary results of the CBA, which will be available on the San Diego Water Board website no later than July 25, 2017. During the meeting, the contractor, Environmental Incentives, will provide an introduction and overview of the approach and will review scenarios considered in the analysis and results.

The meeting details are as follows:

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**  
**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**  
County of San Diego – Conference Center Hearing Room  
5520 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123

#### **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

CBA 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 CBA focused 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.

### **Public Participation**

The public is invited to submit written comments on the draft CBA during the 30-day period from July 25, 2017 – August 24, 2017. All written comments, as well as comments received during the public meeting, will be considered by the contractor in the development of the final CBA report. Please email written comments to:

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

Please include “REC-1 Triennial Review Project – Cost Benefit Analysis” 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.

### **Document Availability**

Documents pertaining to the CBA and 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)

### **Electronic Mailing List**

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(REC-1 Triennial Review Project Indicator Bacteria)

### **Parking and Accessibility**

For directions to the County Operation Center, please refer to:

[http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dgs/Doc/COC\\_Map.pdf](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dgs/Doc/COC_Map.pdf) . Three hour free parking is available on a first-come first-serve basis. The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Persons requiring special accommodation should contact Stephanie Gaines at (619) 964-8337 or [Stephanie.Gaines@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Gaines@sdcounty.ca.gov) at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

### **Contact Information**

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the above subject to Michelle Santillan at (619) 521-3369 or [Michelle.Santillan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Santillan@waterboards.ca.gov).