
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION PERIOD AND WORKSHOP FOR TRIENNIAL BASIN PLAN REVIEW

Triennial Basin Plan Review

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is requesting comments on *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin* (Basin Plan) elements that may need amendment. The Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establishes water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, sets antidegradation requirements, and describes implementation policies to achieve water quality objectives; collectively, these are known as water quality standards. State and federal laws require periodic review and update of the Basin Plan and the Water Board's review is sometimes referred to as the "triennial" review because federal law requires a review of water quality standards every three years.

The purpose of the review is to identify and prioritize possible revisions to water quality standards and other aspects of the Basin Plan. The product of the review is a list of priority projects to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments. The San Diego Water Board is preparing a preliminary list of proposed Basin Plan projects for consideration in the 2018 Basin Plan Review. The preliminary list will be posted on the San Diego Water Board website no later than April 9, 2018.

The San Diego Water Board will consider the public comments received and develop a list of priority projects that will be used to guide work to update the Basin Plan over the next three years. The list of priority projects will be presented to the San Diego Water Board for adoption at a subsequent public hearing. The Board Hearing is tentatively scheduled for fall 2018. A Public Hearing Notice will be issued at least 45 days in advance of the Board Hearing.

Public Solicitation Period

Public participation is an important part of the triennial Basin Plan review. With this notice, the San Diego Water Board invites the public to submit comments on the preliminary list or any other basin planning issues. Comments will be considered when formulating the final list of priority projects. Written comments for possible revisions to the Basin Plan, or on the preliminary list, are invited during the 54-day period from **March 23, 2018 to May 16, 2018**.

Public Workshop

The San Diego Water Board will host a public workshop to provide information and receive public input during a regularly scheduled meeting of the San Diego Water Board. The workshop will be held during the regularly scheduled public meeting on:

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
City of Mission Viejo Council Chambers
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

The purpose of the workshop is for staff to provide information on the preliminary list of proposed Basin Plan projects and to solicit comments from interested persons regarding the triennial Basin Plan review.

Submittal of Comments

Please submit email comments to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov, and include "Triennial Review Comment: CW845836" in the subject line.

Comments may also be mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108
Attn: Ms. Jody Ebsen

Deadline for Comments

The deadline for receipt of comments is **May 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** Written comments received after the deadline may not be considered.

Website for Information

Links to the Basin Plan, Workshop Notice, and background information are available at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.html

Interested Persons List

To receive future notices pertaining to the Basin Plan triennial review, please subscribe to the electronic mailing list at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/req9_subscribe.shtm.

Select "Basin Planning Issues" or request to have notices sent via U.S. Mail (send written requests to Ms. Jody Ebsen at the address listed above).

Staff Contact

Please direct questions about this notice or the triennial Basin Plan review to Ms. Jody Ebsen at (619) 521-3965 or jody.ebsen@waterboards.ca.gov.