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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

#### General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Commercial Agricultural Operations Regulatory Program

**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 an opportunity for discussion and to receive comments, information, and input from the public on the proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Commercial Agricultural Operations Regulatory Program, and the associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents. The public workshop will be conducted during a regularly scheduled meeting of the San Diego Water Board but no action or voting will occur on these items.

The San Diego Water Board meeting will commence at the following time and location:

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**San Diego Water Board, Board Meeting Room**  
**2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700**

To view the meeting agenda in advance of the meeting, please visit the San Diego Water Board website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board\\_info/agendas/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/).

Please note that except for items designated on the agenda as time certain, there are no set times for agenda items. Items including the workshop may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair.

#### **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 following draft documents:

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0004, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers that are Members of a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region.*
2. Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0005, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers Not Participating in a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region.*
3. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2016-0136, *Adoption of a Negative Declaration and Initial Study for the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Agricultural Operations in the San Diego Region.*
4. Initial Study and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Checklist.
5. Negative Declaration.

The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate notice announcing the availability of the above Tentative Orders and draft CEQA documents for public review. The notice will also establish a deadline for submission of written comments on the Tentative Orders and draft CEQA documents that will be considered by the San Diego Water Board during the proceedings

to consider adoption of the Tentative Orders and the CEQA Documents at an as yet unscheduled public hearing to be held later this year.

### **PUBLIC WORKSHOP PROCEDURE**

The public workshop is considered an information item and will be presented to the San Diego Water Board for discussion only. The San Diego Water Board will hear a presentation by staff summarizing the development and significant elements of the Tentative Orders and draft CEQA documents. Public participants will also be provided an opportunity to present comments and ask clarifying questions. The comments and questions should be for clarification or to add to the San Diego Water Board's understanding of the item; such comments must not be testimonial in nature or argumentative, as speakers are not under oath and the proceeding is not adversarial. The San Diego Water Board may provide general feedback to staff on proposed modifications to the Tentative Orders and draft CEQA documents; however, no action or voting will take place at this workshop.

To ensure a productive and efficient public workshop, and to ensure that all attending have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be limited at the discretion of the Chair. This item has significant interest to the public and regulated community, and in order to provide enough time for all interested parties to participate, participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations. San Diego Water Board staff may, but will not necessarily, respond to comments by public participants at the workshop.

### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Notification of the availability of the documents will be provided electronically to persons registered on the San Diego Water Board's Agriculture and Nurseries electronic mailing list (see below), and will be posted on the San Diego Water Board's website at:  
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>.

### **EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENDING GENERAL ORDERS**

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. A notice of ex parte communication must be filed with the San Diego Water Board within seven working days of the communication. Sample disclosure forms are available at  
[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/sandiego/publications\\_forms/forms/docs/SanDiego\\_disclosure\\_04072015.pdf](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/sandiego/publications_forms/forms/docs/SanDiego_disclosure_04072015.pdf).

### **DIRECTIONS AND PARKING**

From Interstate 15 – Take the Friars Road West exit (toward Qualcomm Stadium), and follow the signs to stay on Friars Road. Turn left onto Northside Drive. Turn left at first signal. The San Diego Water Board office is in the building located at the end of the driveway. Limited 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.

For additional information, please refer to  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about\\_us/contact\\_us/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/).

### **ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST**

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for its Irrigated Land Regulatory Program. The San Diego Water Board uses the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of on-line documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to the

electronic mail lists titled "Agriculture and Nurseries," located on the San Diego Water Board website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg9\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml).

Persons who wish to receive hard copy notices of future notices or meetings in lieu of electronic notices should submit a request to Mr. Barry Pulver, San Diego Water Board, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, or via email at [barry.pulver@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:barry.pulver@waterboards.ca.gov).

Please bring this to the attention of any person known to you who may be affected by this matter.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Chris Blank at (619) 521-3382 or [cblank@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cblank@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

### **INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP**

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Barry Pulver (619) 521-3381 or via e-mail at [barry.pulver@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:barry.pulver@waterboards.ca.gov).