

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

SAN DIEGO BAY BIOACCUMULATION STUDY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region will host a public workshop to provide information and facilitate discussion on the San Diego Bay Bioaccumulation Study. The study was conducted by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with funding from the State Water Resources Control Board, the San Diego Unified Port District, and the City of San Diego.

Workshop Details

Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

San Diego Water Board, Board Hearing Room

2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108

One or more Board Members may attend the Workshop. No decisions will be made.

Public Workshop Objective:

The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Steven Bay (SCCWRP) and Dr. Catherine Zeeman (USFWS) to provide information, improve our understanding, and facilitate discussion on the following:

- Bioaccumulation and transfer of chemical contaminants from sediments to components of the San Diego Bay ecosystem;
- Health risks to humans and wildlife consuming seafood from San Diego Bay; and
- Data analysis tools for assessing sediment quality related to bioaccumulation risks.

Sediment-borne bioaccumulative contaminants have the potential to impair the designated beneficial uses of San Diego Bay. Matched sediment and tissue contamination data for important receptors (e.g., sport fish and wildlife) and other components of the food web were collected to develop the understanding of bioaccumulation relationships for interpretation of data for cleanup activities, and to support development of assessment tools for implementation of sediment quality objectives (SQOs) for protection of human health and wildlife. The principal researchers will present key findings of the study and take questions from the audience.

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/. 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 accessible to persons with disabilities. The facility is also accessible via public transit. Persons requiring additional accommodations should contact Ms. Chris Blank at chris.blank@waterboards.ca.gov or (619) 521-3382 at least five (5) days prior to the workshop.

Contact Information

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