NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is scheduled to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0100 (Tentative Order). The Tentative Order proposes to amend the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by Order No. R9-2015-0001 (Regional MS4 Permit). Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will accept written comments on the Tentative Order and proposed changes to the Regional MS4 Permit in accordance with title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 124.10 and Water Code section 13167.5. Notice is also given that the San Diego Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order at a public hearing on November 18, 2015.

The Tentative Order and attachments thereto, are available on the San Diego Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

The Tentative Order proposes to amend the Regional MS4 Permit to address a variety of issues including coverage for Copermittees in Riverside County consisting of the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and incorporation of limited permit provisions applicable to the City of Menifee. If adopted, the Tentative Order will supersede the Riverside County Copermittees’ current Fourth Term MS4 Permit, Order No. R9-2010-0016.

All written comments pertaining to the terms and conditions of the Tentative Order to be considered by the San Diego Water Board at the November 18, 2015 public hearing must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 14, 2015. Written comments must be sent to the San Diego Water Board’s office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108, faxed to (619) 516-1994, or e-mailed to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov Attn: Wayne Chiu. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments “Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0100, Place ID:786088WChiu.” The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged.

The San Diego Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received. Consistent with State Water Resources Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.
The public hearing on this matter will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for **November 18, 2015 in the Board Room of the San Diego Water Board Office, located at 2375 Northside Drive, San Diego, CA 92108.** The item will be heard during the meeting that starts at 9:00 a.m. The meeting notice and agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/).

Oral testimony at the public hearing will be allowed. The scope of oral testimony at the public hearing will be strictly limited to summarizing the previously submitted written comments, comments on revisions to the Tentative Order made in response to comments, and making policy statements. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found at title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 647, et seq. and are available upon request. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The meeting notice and agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

Information related to this matter, including revisions made to the Tentative Order in response to written comments timely submitted, as well as the San Diego Water Board’s responses to written comments timely submitted, will be available at the San Diego Water Board’s office and the San Diego Water Board’s storm water web page in advance of the public hearing. A separate notice will be sent announcing the availability of the revised Tentative Order and the responses to comments upon website posting of the documents.

Please contact Wayne Chiu at (619) 521-3354 or by email at Wayne.Chiu@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the above listed proposed permit action. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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July 31, 2015
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

July 31, 2015

San Diego County Copermittees
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In reply refer to / attn:
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Subject: Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Public Hearing

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0100 (Tentative Order) amending Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by Order No. R9-2015-0001 (Regional MS4 Permit). The San Diego Water Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order during the Board meeting scheduled for November 18, 2015. The deadline for submission of written comments on the Tentative Order and other details regarding the public hearing is contained in the enclosed Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Public Hearing.


Interested persons may also receive a copy of the Tentative Order and its attachments by contacting Wayne Chiu at (619) 521-3354, or by email at Wayne.Chiu@waterboards.ca.gov or by visiting the San Diego Water Board’s office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., telephone (619) 516-1990.

The Tentative Order proposes to amend the Regional MS4 Permit in response to the Riverside County Copermittees’ Report of Waste Discharge (RoWD) submitted by letter dated May 8, 2015, and designate the Riverside County Copermittees as MS4 dischargers responsible for compliance with the terms and the conditions of the Permit. The Tentative Order also proposes to amend the Regional MS4 Permit to address a variety of other issues including 1) incorporation of an option to utilize the Water Quality Improvement Plan to demonstrate compliance with receiving water prohibitions and limitations, 2) clarification of land development requirements describing when a development project should be subject to the Priority Development Project (PDP) requirements, 3) amendment to the requirements for updating the BMP Design Manual as a result of corrections to the priority development project definitions, 4) clarification of requirements for non-storm water discharges covered by the Statewide NPDES Permit for Drinking Water Systems and the San Diego Water Board’s General Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Extraction Discharges to Surface Waters, and 5) clarification of the Indicator Bacteria, Project I - Beaches and Creeks and Los Penasquitos Lagoon Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load requirements to increase consistency with the Basin Plan Amendment. If
adopted, the Tentative Order will supersede the Riverside County Copermitters' current Fourth Term MS4 Permit, Order No. R9-2010-0016.

The Tentative Order amends the Regional MS4 Permit and its Fact Sheet (Attachment F of the Permit) as described in Attachments 1 and 2 of the Tentative Order. Changes to the Regional MS4 Permit and its Fact Sheet based upon the Tentative Order are displayed in blue-underline for added text and red-strikeout for deleted text in the attachments to the Tentative Order.

Interested persons desiring to receive future public notices regarding the Tentative Order, proceedings to consider its adoption and potential future modifications to the Regional MS4 Permit can subscribe to one of the electronic e-mail service lists titled “Orange County MS4 Permit,” “Riverside County MS4 Permit,” or “San Diego MS4 Permit” located on the San Diego Water Board website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested “In reply refer to:” information located in the header of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Wayne Chiu by phone at (619) 521-3354, or by e-mail at Wayne.Chiu@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Public Hearing

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