

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

REVISED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA, PROJECT I – TWENTY BEACHES AND CREEKS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION (INCLUDING TECOLOTE CREEK)

PUBLIC HEARING

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
San Diego Water Board Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340

On December 12, 2007, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) adopted an amendment to incorporate the Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria, Project I – Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region into the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) under Resolution No. R9-2007-0044. The San Diego Water Board withdrew Resolution No. R9-2007-0044 from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on December 17, 2008 to make necessary revisions to the adopted Basin Plan amendment.

The San Diego Water Board is reconsidering the amendment to incorporate the Revised Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria, Project I – Twenty Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region (Including Tecolote Creek) into the Basin Plan. This action is being proposed to meet requirements of federal Clean Water Act section 303(d). The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under Water Code section 13240. The Basin Plan amendment is a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the San Diego Water Board is the lead agency. The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on the revised Basin Plan amendment.

FILING OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Action on the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare environmental documents under the CEQA [Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*] and other applicable laws and regulations. In compliance with the State Water Board's CEQA implementation regulations [23 CCR 3720 *et seq.*], the San Diego Water Board has prepared a technical report, draft of the Basin Plan amendment, and environmental checklist form for this project [23 CCR 3776]. These documents will be available for review on November 25, 2009. The documents may be viewed at the San Diego Water Board office, or on the web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego>.

PUBLIC HEARING

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public hearing tentatively scheduled on February 10, 2010, at a meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. The San Diego Water Board will deliberate and consider action on the revised bacteria TMDLs.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to present testimony. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy and

to the extent possible, testimony should be presented in writing. Submittal of written comments is encouraged. **Written comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010.** Comments submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2010 will be responded to in writing and provided to the San Diego Water Board members in advance of the public hearing. Written comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2010, and oral testimony given on February 10, 2010 will be responded to during the public hearing.

Written comments should be submitted in either MS Word or pdf format by email to: wchiu@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments on paper may also be submitted, but electronic format is preferred. Comments on paper should be submitted to:

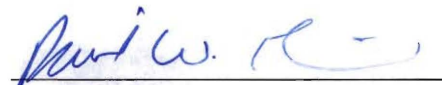
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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Informational documents related to this matter will be available on November 25, 2009, and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office or on the web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego>. For additional information please contact Mr. Wayne Chiu at (858) 637-5558.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parking is available at the hearing location. See the San Diego Water Board web site for a map to the hearing location. The hearing room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Mr. Wayne Chiu.



David W. Gibson
Executive Officer
November 25, 2009