

**NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING
regarding
Development of a Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate Updates to the Total Dissolved
Solids and Nitrogen Management Plan for the Santa Ana Region**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9, staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will hold a CEQA scoping meeting regarding a proposed amendment of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to update the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Nitrogen Management Plan for the Elsinore Groundwater Management Zone (GMZ). The update will include the following: 1) to establish new maximum-benefit based TDS and nitrate (as nitrogen, hereafter nitrate) water quality objectives for the Elsinore GMZ, and (2) to implement a salinity management plan for the long-term management of the water quality and beneficial uses of the Elsinore GMZ.

WHEN: June 24, 2020
 3:00-4:00 pm

WHERE: Video and Teleconference Meeting Only
 No Physical Meeting Location (Authorized by and in furtherance of
 Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20)

The CEQA Scoping meeting will provide participants with the opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental document that will be prepared for the proposed Basin Plan amendment. The substitute environmental document will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to Certified regulatory Programs (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 3775 et seq.).

This scoping meeting will assist the Regional Board in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects, if any, to be analyzed prior to the decision-making process on the recommended Basin Plan amendment.

All comments received and responses to those comments will be included in the final administrative records. Regional Board consideration of the proposed amendment is expected in the early 2021.

Should you need more information about the meeting, you may contact Keith Person at (951) 782-4997, or at keith.person@waterboards.ca.gov. The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact [Haley Mullay](mailto:HaleyMullay@saarpa.org) at (951) 340-2220, or at Hmullay@sawpa.org at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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Executive Officer

date