

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region  
3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, CA 92501-3348  
and  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R8-2021-0010  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0110604  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND THE NPDES PERMIT  
FOR ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
RECLAMATION PLANT NO. 1, TREATMENT PLANT NO.2,  
COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND OUTFALLS  
ORANGE COUNTY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments and evidence for, and consider adoption of, the renewal of State waste discharge requirements (Order No. R8-2021-0010) and the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (No. CA0110604) issued to the Orange County Sanitation District.

The Orange County Sanitation District (Facility) is a Publicly Owned Treatment Works, operating Reclamation Plant No. 1 located in 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, Treatment Plant No. 2 located in 22212 Brookhurst Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92646, collection system, and outfalls. The Facility discharges secondary treated wastewater and reverse osmosis concentrate through two ocean outfalls to the Pacific Ocean and overflow weirs to the Santa Ana River (under emergency conditions). The primary ocean outfall terminates at 4.5 miles offshore in federal waters, and the secondary ocean outfall is used only in an emergency or when essential maintenance is being performed on the primary outfall and terminates at 1.5 miles offshore in state waters. As the Facility discharges to both federal and state waters, USEPA and the Santa Ana Water Board jointly issue consolidated waste discharge requirements and the NPDES permit under 40 C.F.R. § 124.4(c)(2).

The Santa Ana Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed waste discharge requirements and issuance of the draft NPDES Permit for the Facility as follows:

DATE: May 7, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Virtual meeting with no physical location

This meeting will be a video and teleconference meeting only with no physical meeting location due to the COVID-19 pandemic, (Authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20). Please follow our website for further updates: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board\\_info/agendas/2021\\_agendas.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/agendas/2021_agendas.html) on or after April 23, 2021.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on proposed Order No. R8-2021-0010 and the draft NPDES Permit No. CA0110604. **Written comments are due no later than 5 p.m. on March 4, 2021** and must be submitted by email to Julie Song at Song.Julie@epa.gov or by email to Ryan Harris at Ryan.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov; by fax at (951) 781-6288; or mail or hand delivery to:

ATTN: Ryan Harris  
Wastewater Section  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board  
3737 Main Street, Ste. 500  
Riverside, CA 92501

Pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, written comments or evidence submitted after the comment deadline will not be allowed or accepted into the Administrative Record without a showing of good cause for the delay, and in no event if any party or the Board would be unduly prejudiced by the late submittal including if staff or the Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and respond to the comments or evidence.

Interested persons are also invited to attend and express their views on issues relating to the proposed Order and the draft NPDES Permit. Oral statements will be heard and should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. Depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard, the Chair may impose a time limit for each speaker. For the accuracy of the record, all testimony (oral statements) should be submitted in writing. A copy of the Santa Ana Water Board's agenda for the May 7, 2021 meeting will be available on or after April 23, 2021 at the Santa Ana Water Board's website at the following link:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board\\_info/agendas/2021\\_agendas.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/agendas/2021_agendas.html).

The proposed Order (No. R8-2021-0010) and the draft NPDES Permit (No. CA0110604), related documents, and all comments and petitions received may be inspected and copied at the USEPA and Santa Ana Water Board addresses above, by appointment scheduled between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the proposed Order and the draft NPDES Permit will be mailed to interested persons upon request to Julie Song at Song.Julie@epa.gov or Ryan Harris at Ryan.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov. The proposed Order and the draft NPDES Permit can also be downloaded from our website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.html); or  
<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/public-notice-meetings-and-events-epas-pacific-southwest>.

**Ex Parte Communications Prohibited:** As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Santa Ana Water Board must be directed to staff.

Please contact Ryan Harris at Ryan.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov for a hard copy of the Santa Ana Water Board's May 7, 2021 meeting agenda. Any person who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in this Santa Ana Water Board meeting or translation services should contact Jeannie Aguilar at (951) 782-3285 no later than April 30, 2021. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.