
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
AND NOTICE OF FILING
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION
FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN TO
ADOPT THE SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
ELSINORE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) will consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to approve the salt and nutrient management plan (SNMP) for the Elsinore groundwater management zone (GMZ) and incorporate the elements of the SNMP into relevant chapters of the Basin Plan: 1) to incorporate the maximum benefit water quality objectives for total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrate into Chapter 4, and 2) to incorporate the implementation plan, including the monitoring and reporting plans into Chapter 5. The Santa Ana Water Board is inviting comments on the staff report and its attachments, and the draft substitute environmental documentation (SED) for the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

BOARD MEETING

The Santa Ana Water Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its scheduled board meeting at the following date and time:

Date: December 10, 2021¹
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Video and Teleconference Meeting only

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Public participation is an important part of this process. Written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and the draft SED must be received by the Santa Ana Water Board no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021. Written responses to comments received by the deadline will be prepared.

¹ The public hearing date is subject to postponement. Please check the Santa Ana Water Board's website regularly for any schedule updates.

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The Santa Ana Water Board will accept oral comments at the public hearing. The Santa Ana Water Board may impose time limits on oral presentations at the hearing. Persons with similar views are encouraged to make joint presentations. To the extent possible, please provide written summaries of oral comments and/or presentations.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Documents related to the proposed Basin Plan Amendment are available at the Santa Ana Water Board's website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/salt_management_plan.html

They are also available upon request for email transmittal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Cindy Li at (951) 782-4906 or Cindy.Li@waterboards.ca.gov.

REGULATORY INFORMATION

The Santa Ana Water Board is functioning as the Lead Agency pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21000 et seq. (as defined in PRC section 21067) and Title 14 of California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 15050 et seq. The draft SED was prepared pursuant to 23 CCR section 3777 and is intended to serve as program level environmental documents, pursuant to PRC section 21159. The public comments period for the draft SED is pursuant to 23 CCR section 3779, Government Code sections 6060, 6061, 6061.3, 11125, and 11125.9, and Water Code section 13244.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the Santa Ana Water Board should notify Jeannie Aguilar at (951) 782-4130 or Jeannie.aguilar@waterboards.ca.gov no later than December 3, 2021.