NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
AND RELEASE OF THE
STAFF WORKING PROPOSAL FOR THE REGIONAL PHASE I MUNICIPAL
SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) have prepared a staff working proposal for a Regional Phase I MS4 Permit (Staff Working Proposal), which would regulate discharges of pollutants in urban runoff from MS4s in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties on a regionwide basis. The Santa Ana Water Board intends to hold a public workshop on the Staff Working Proposal.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Santa Ana Water Board will hold a public workshop to discuss and solicit input on the Staff Working Proposal. An overview of the Region’s stormwater program and key provisions of the Staff Working Proposal will be provided, as well as an opportunity for feedback from permittees and other stakeholders. The Santa Ana Water Board may provide input to staff on the Staff Working Proposal; however, no action or voting will be taken.

The public workshop will be held at the following date and time, by video and teleconference only:

Date: February 4, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video and Teleconference

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and as authorized by Government Code section 11133 and Executive Order N-1-22, the workshop will occur solely via remote presence. To participate in the workshop, please register by February 2, 2022 via the Zoom registration link below: Zoom Registration Link

After submittal of the online registration form, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop. Please join the Zoom Meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting start time to resolve any technical issues. The workshop will be held during the regular Regional Board meeting of the Santa Ana Water Board, which will start promptly at 9 am.

This workshop is also available to watch or listen live via the CAL-SPAN website below: CAL-SPAN: California State Meetings Webcast Video
Please note that participants who choose to view the workshop via the CAL-SPAN live stream will be unable to participate and provide feedback in the active discussion.

Additional information regarding remote meeting participation is available on the Santa Ana Water Board’s website: Remote Meetings | Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

For more information pertaining to the regular Regional Board meeting scheduled for February 4, 2022, please see the Agenda Announcement posted here: 2022 Agendas | Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the Staff Working Proposal for the Regional Phase I MS4 Permit, including the Order, Appendices 1-12, and Attachments A-C and E, is available on the Santa Ana Water Board’s website at: Stormwater | Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Please note that the Staff Working Proposal is for preliminary review and discussion purposes only. It does not constitute either a “draft permit” or a “proposed permit” as defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) sections 122.2 or 124.6.

WRITTEN FEEDBACK

Distribution of the Staff Working Proposal for review and discussion does not constitute a public comment period pursuant to 40 CFR section 124.10. However, the Santa Ana Water Board is soliciting written feedback on the Staff Working Proposal from interested persons from January 24, 2022 to March 10, 2022. Written feedback may be submitted via e-mail to r8_stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please note that the Santa Ana Water Board will not be formally responding to written feedback on the Staff Working Proposal. When a “draft permit” is released pursuant to 40 CFR sections 122.2 or 124.6, permittees and other interested persons will be provided an opportunity to submit written comments pursuant to 40 CFR section 124.10. Consistent with federal regulations, staff will prepare responses to significant comments received on the draft permit submitted in compliance with the public notice.

If a permittee or interested party finds that its oral or written feedback provided on the Staff Working Proposal is not adequately addressed in the draft permit, those persons will need to resubmit those comments during the official written comment period for inclusion in the administrative record.

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