



Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF STAFF-LEVEL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

STAFF WORKING PROPOSAL FOR THE REGIONAL PHASE I MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT IN THE COUNTIES OF ORANGE, RIVERSIDE, AND SAN BERNADINO (NPDES NO. CAS618000)

AND

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO IDENTIFY DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS ON WATER QUALITY IN DISADVANTAGED OR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) will hold public workshops to discuss and solicit feedback on a staff working proposal for a Regional Phase I MS4 Permit (Staff Working Proposal) to identify potential disproportionate impacts on water quality in disadvantaged or tribal communities. Once adopted, the Regional Phase I MS4 Permit would regulate discharges of pollutants in stormwater and urban runoff from cities in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties that are within the Santa Ana River watershed.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Santa Ana Water Board staff have prepared the Staff Working Proposal to gain preliminary feedback prior to releasing a draft permit under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 122.2. At the upcoming workshops, an overview of the Region's stormwater program and key provisions of the Staff Working Proposal will be provided, with opportunity for questions and comments from attendees. There will also be an opportunity for group discussion. All feedback will be carefully considered by Santa Ana Water Board staff. A quorum of Santa Ana Water Board members may be present at the workshop; however, no Board action or voting will be taken.

If you are interested in learning more about stormwater regulation, the proposed permit, or providing feedback on potential disproportionate impacts on water quality in disadvantaged or tribal communities, please attend any or all of our upcoming workshops.

The workshops will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

Location	Address	Date	Time
San Bernardino Family YMCA	808 E 21st Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404	May 10, 2023	6:00-8:00 pm
Virtual (Zoom)	-	May 16, 2023	6:00-8:00 pm
Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center	14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553	May 17, 2023	6:00-8:00 pm
Memorial Hall	1718 Orange Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648	May 18, 2023	6:00-8:00 pm

You do not need to register for the in-person workshops. Each workshop will follow the same agenda, which will include a presentation by Santa Ana Water Board staff and opportunity for comments, questions, and discussion.

For the virtual workshop, please RSVP using the following link:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-fLMfzkcRuK0fvTSoRFJcg

After submitting 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. Remote attendees will be able to submit comments through Zoom via chat input or audio.

If you have not already, please sign up for our project mailing list to be kept up to date on this project. To sign up, take the following steps:

1. Go to the following website:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=santa_a
2. Enter your email address.
3. Under the “Stormwater” tab, select the check box for “Region 8 – Stormwater – Regionwide MS4 Permit.”
4. Click “Submit.”
5. Enter your first name, last name, and county (optional but recommended).

Please circulate this message to anyone who may be interested in attending, especially those who may not have computer access.

LANGUAGE SERVICES AND ACCESSIBILITY

To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 4 business days before the meeting by contacting Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265 or Marina.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov.

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:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/stormwater/

Please note that the Staff Working Proposal is for preliminary review and discussion purposes only. The Staff Working Proposal does not constitute a "draft permit" as defined in 40 CFR section 122.2. The Santa Ana Water Board will not formally respond to oral or written feedback on the Staff Working Proposal. When a "draft permit" is released pursuant to 40 CFR section 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.

For additional information, please contact Michael Jones at Michael.Jones@waterboards.ca.gov or at (951) 321-4578 with any questions or comments regarding this notice.