

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 8, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIALS

HICKS CANYON WASH PROJECT

ORANGE COUNTY

TENTATIVE ORDER R8-2025-0043

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Order R8-2025-0043 (Tentative Order) for the Hicks Canyon Wash Project (Project). The Project proposal is to regrade the channel slopes through Hicks Canyon Wash to prevent further erosion, stabilize the channel banks, and protect adjacent residential properties along the southern edge of the channel. The proposed Project will result in a total of 0.97 acre of permanent impacts to waters of the State. Specifically, the permanent impacts would occur due to physical modification of 0.93 acre of Hick Canyon Wash by regrading the channel slopes to comply with the 100-year flow management practices, and 0.04 acre for the construction of the earthen berms at each storm drain connection.

The Santa Ana Water Board will consider adopting the Tentative Order during a public hearing at a regularly scheduled Santa Ana Water Board meeting as follows:

Date: September 12, 2025
Time: 9:00am
Location: Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(remote participation available)

The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Remote Participation](#) webpage. For those who do not intend to actively participate, the meeting will be livestreamed via [Cal-Span](#).

Interested persons may attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. Such comments will generally be limited to three minutes, though the Board Chair may grant additional time on a case-by-case basis.

The Santa Ana Water Board's agenda for the Board meeting will be available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Agenda](#) webpage at least ten days prior to the meeting. Please check the Santa Ana Water Board's website for the most up-to-date public hearing date and location, as they are subject to change.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Santa Ana Water Board will accept written comments on the Tentative Order during a 30-day public comment period. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 8, 2025.

Written comments can be submitted to Celina Rong at via email at Celina.Rong@waterboards.ca.gov. Hand deliveries and mailed comments should be sent to the address below:

Attn: Celina Rong, Environmental Scientist
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the Tentative Order is available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Tentative Orders](#) webpage. Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the Tentative Order may be made by calling the Santa Ana Water Board at (951) 782-4130.

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who requires special accommodation to participate in the Santa Ana Water Board hearing should contact Jessica Baenre at (951) 782-3285 no later than September 4, 2025.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Celina Rong by email at Celina.Rong@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (951) 782-4493.