

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SANTA ANA REGION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Basin Plan Amendments to Revise the Compliance Schedule for Fecal Coliform TMDL for Shellfish Harvesting (SHEL) in Newport Bay; Revise the SHEL beneficial use definition; Revise Anti-degradation Targets for REC2 Only Waters; Add Certain Waters to Table 3-1 and Designate Beneficial Uses for Those and Other Select Waters; Add Chapter 6 TMDLs and Introductory Narrative, and Revise Subsequent Chapter Numbering; Add Fecal Indicator Bacteria Footnote to Chapters 4 and 5

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will consider adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan). The proposed amendments are listed below:

- Revise the Compliance Schedule for the Fecal Coliform TMDL for the Shellfish Harvesting Beneficial Use (SHEL) for Newport Bay;
- Revise the SHEL beneficial use definition to be consistent with statewide and public health definitions;
- Revise existing antidegradation targets for *E. coli* for Non-contact Recreation (REC2) only waters (Temescal Creek Reach 1a and Santa Ana-Delhi Channel Reach 2); incorporate new *E. coli* antidegradation targets for Santa Ana-Delhi Channel Reach 1, Temescal Creek Reach 1b, and Cucamonga Creek Reach 1; Update Beneficial Use Table 3-1 and Water Quality Objective Table 4-1 by adding certain waters, designating beneficial uses for those waters, and adding certain beneficial use designations to waters already listed in the Basin Plan;
- Place TMDLs in Chapter 6 and revise subsequent chapter numbering;
- Add Fecal Indicator Bacteria footnote to Chapters 4 and 5.

Action on the proposed amendments will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exemption under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*), and in accordance with other applicable laws and regulations.

A public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of the proposed amendments. Changes to the amendments consistent with their general purpose may be considered by the Regional Board at the hearing. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting as follows:

DATE: June 16, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION: Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708**

The proposed Basin Plan amendments, staff report and Environmental Checklist that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendments will be available on May 17, 2017. The proposed amendments, staff report, Environmental Checklist and other relevant documentation can be viewed at the Regional Board website at

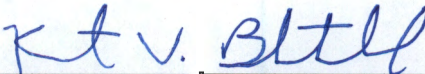
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/bpa_fc_re c1.shtml or by request to Regional Board staff at (951) 782-4130. These documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. Written comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted before or at **9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2017**. Responses to comments received by this date will be prepared. The Regional Board will accept oral testimony at the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. The Regional Board may impose time limits on oral presentations at the hearing. Persons with similar views are encouraged to make joint presentations. Speakers may be required to summarize testimony.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to David G. Woelfel at david.woelfel@Waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-7960, or Wanda Cross at Wanda.cross@waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-4468 to the Regional Board office address listed above.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board hearing should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951) 782-3285 no later than June 8, 2017. We request that those in attendance at the meetings refrain from the use of perfumes, colognes or other fragrances to accommodate those with allergy sensitivities.

Date: May 17, 2017



Kurt V. Berchtold
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