
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Parties and Interested Persons

FROM: John Scandura
Chair
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

DATE: August 10, 2026

**SUBJECT: ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON
TENTATIVE ORDER R8-2026-0034, NATIONAL POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND WASTE
DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ON AUGUST 21, 2026**

On July 24, 2026, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) conducted a public hearing on the tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) discharges in the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, NPDES No. CAS618000 (Tentative Order). Parties and the public were provided an opportunity to orally address the Santa Ana Water Board on the Tentative Order during the hearing on July 24, 2026. At that time, the board took no action on the Tentative Order, and the hearing was closed.

The Tentative Order underwent two written public comment periods. The first public comment period was open from March 1, 2024 to September 13, 2024. Santa Ana Water Board staff revised the Tentative Order in response to comments, after which a second public comment period based on these revisions was open from May 5, 2026 to July 20, 2026. No new written materials may be submitted on the Tentative Order.

On August 21, 2026, the Santa Ana Water Board will reopen the hearing for the Tentative Order. During this hearing, Santa Ana Water Board staff will provide a presentation on the Tentative Order in response to board questions and direction previously received. For the purposes of this hearing, the board requests that the Principal Permittees each have representatives available for board questions regarding the Tentative Order on the following topics:

- Coyote Creek TMDLs;
- Beacon Economics Cost Impact Analysis of MS4 Tentative Order;
- Bacteria in the Santa Ana Region;

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- Compliance strategies: Best Management Practices and numeric effluent limits; and
- Watershed Management Plans.

Following board questions, the Principal Permittees will each be afforded a maximum of five minutes to provide final remarks.

The cities of Claremont and Pomona and self-identified non-party organizational groups that provided oral comment during the July 24, 2026 hearing that wish to provide final remarks, may request a maximum of three minutes each for one designated representative on behalf of the group or organization. This applies to the following non-party groups:

- Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
- Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality and Building Industry Association of Southern California
- Labor Union Representatives (Inland Empire Labor Council AFL-CIO, Teamsters Local 952, Teamsters Local 1932)
- Orange County Coastkeeper

Such requests must be submitted to Vanessa.Fuerte@Waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Heraclio.Pimentel@waterboards.ca.gov by 5:00 pm on **August 19, 2026**.

The following Order of Proceedings, including time allocated to each party and interested person, will be employed at the hearing on August 21, 2026, unless the board makes a modification for cause. Board members, regional board counsel, and staff may ask questions at any time during the proceeding.

The board may begin deliberations on August 21, 2026, and may give direction to staff. Final board action, however, will not be taken on August 21, 2026.

Santa Ana Water Board staff will release written responses to significant comments received and a revised Tentative Order before the board adopts the permit. The board expects to consider adoption of a revised Tentative Order on September 11, 2026.

[continued below]

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1.	Opening statement by Chair, introductory items, and administration of oath to persons who intend to testify	Approx. 15 minutes
2.	Santa Ana Water Board Staff Presentation	Approx. 45 minutes
3.	Board Questions of Staff and Principal Permittees	Unlimited/ As needed
4.	Principal Permittees Final Remarks	5 minutes max. each
5.	Non-party Organization Final Remarks	3 minutes max. each
6.	Santa Ana Water Board Staff Final Remarks	Approx. 15 minutes
7.	Close/Continue Hearing	As appropriate
8.	Board Deliberations	Unlimited