

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Parties and Interested Persons, Tentative Order R8-2026-0034

FROM: John Scandura 
Chair
SANTA ANA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

DATE: September 1, 2026

SUBJECT: RULING ON ADMISSIBILITY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED

On May 5, 2026, the Santa Ana Water Board solicited written comments on Tentative Order R8-2026-0034, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements. Pursuant to the Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Board Hearing, issued May 5, 2026, and the Revised Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Board Hearing, issued June 11, 2026 (collectively, Requests for Public Comment), the scope of written comments was limited to revisions shown in redline/strikeout format of the revised Tentative Order issued concurrently on May 5, 2026. Written comments were initially due June 19, 2026, but the deadline was later extended to July 20, 2026 at 5pm.

Among the properly submitted comments, the Santa Ana Water Board received several written comments that were outside the scope of the Requests for Public Comment and that were received after the close of the written comment period.

Pursuant to the Requests for Public Comment, the Chair rules as follows:

Out-of-Scope Comments

Ruling 1: The Requests for Public Comment provides as follows: “Comments unrelated to the revisions and comments on the Response to Comments will not be accepted and will not be included in the administrative record. This limitation does not apply to oral testimony or comments at the public hearing.” The written comments listed in Attachment 1 have been determined to be outside the scope of the Requests for Public Comment and will not be admitted into the administrative record.

Late Comments

Ruling 2: The Requests for Public Comment provides as follows: “No late comments will be accepted unless the commenter provides reasonable cause for the late submission and the Chair determines there is no prejudice to any party or the Board.” The following written comments were received after the close of the written comment

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period. Sufficient justification has not been provided for the tardiness of these written comments in light of the extended 75-day comment period. Accordingly, the following written comments have not been accepted:

Alexandra Robillard: Full letter (submitted 7/24/26)

Aurora Chavez: Full letter (submitted 7/24/26)

Mark Jorgensen: Full letter (submitted 7/24/26)

State Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh: Full letter submitted (7/23/26)

Stephanie Vukov: Full letter (submitted 7/24/26)

City of Grand Terrace: Resolution (submitted 8/12/26)

Attachment 1

Assembly Member Greg Wallis: Full letter
Center for Biological Diversity: Full letter
City of Big Bear Lake: Comments #2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17
City of Calimesa: Full letter
City of Canyon Lake: Comments #2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, partial 16
City of Corona: Comment #2, 3
City of Fontana: Comments #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
City of Grand Terrace: Resolution
City of Hemet: Comments #2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, partial 16
City of Irvine: Full letter
City of Menifee: Comments #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22
City of Moreno Valley: Comments #1, 2
City of Perris: Comments #3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18
City of Pomona: Comment #4
City of Riverside: Comments #1, 2, 4, 5, 6
City of San Jacinto: Comments #3, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20
City of Santa Ana: Full letter
Civilsapes Engineering, Inc.: Full letter
County of Orange: Comments #8, 9, 10, partial 20
Creek Team Supporter: Full letter
Dan Taylor: Full letter
Dean Pernicone: Full letter
Derek Anderson: Full letter
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce: Full letter
Gwen Wertz: Full letter
Orange County Coastkeeper: Comments #3, 4, 6
Orange County Water District: Full letter
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District: Comments #3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12
San Bernardino County Flood Control District: Comments #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10; Appendix A Comments #2, 5, 9, 10, 17, 19, 27, 32, 34, 39, 41, 45
San Bernardino County Flood Control District Legal Comments: Comments #3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.4.2, 3.4.3; Exhibits as applicable
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD): Full letter
TECS Environmental: Comments #1, 2, 3, 5
Toal Engineering, Inc.: Full letter
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Full letter