
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING PURSUANT TO §21080.5 OF THE
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE**

TO: Any Interested Person

FROM: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

DATE: March 15, 2017

PROPONENT: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Selenium in Freshwater: Newport Bay Watershed, Orange County, California. This amendment will apply to the following freshwater subwatersheds, all of which are tributary to Upper Newport Bay:

- San Diego Creek Subwatershed
- Santa Ana – Delhi Channel Subwatershed
- Big Canyon Wash Subwatershed

Action on the proposed changes to the amendment 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 with other applicable laws and regulations.

A public hearing will be held by the Regional Board to consider the adoption of the proposed amendment. Further changes consistent with their general purpose may be considered by the Regional Board. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting at the following time and location:

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 Substitute Environmental Document (SED) that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of

the amendments and other relevant documentation will be available on **Monday, March 20, 2017**. Scientific peer review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, staff report, and supporting documentation is being conducted concurrently with public review. The proposed Basin Plan amendments and other relevant documentation can be obtained from the Regional Board file transfer protocol (ftp) site at

https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/?u=rb8download&p=Region8_public

Click on the 'Planning' folder and go to the subfolder named 'NBW Selenium TMDLs' to download documents. Copies of the documents can also be requested by calling Regional Board staff at (951) 782-4130 or the documents may be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California. Appointments may be scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday after March 20, 2017, by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. Written comments and exhibits on the proposed amendments must be submitted before or at **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017**. Responses to comments received by this date will be prepared. Written comments should be submitted to Terri Reeder via email or to the following address:

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3348
Attn: Terri Reeder
Terri.Reeder@waterboards.ca.gov

The Regional Board will accept oral testimony at the public hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments presented at the hearing to the Regional Board's Executive Assistant. Note that all exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other testimony presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Board to become part of the administrative record. 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 Terri Reeder at Terri.Reeder@Waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-4995, or Hope Smythe at Hope.Smythe@Waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-4493.

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: March 15, 2017

KURT V. BERCHTOLD
Executive Officer