



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region



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NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING regarding

Development of a Basin Plan Amendment for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
for a Mercury TMDL for Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) staff will hold a CEQA scoping meeting to discuss development of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate a Mercury TMDL for Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County, California.

WHEN: December 9, 2008
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, California

This workshop will provide participants with: (1) background on Regional Board mandates under the Federal Clean Water Act and the State Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and the Basin Plan Amendment Process; (2) background on sources of mercury loading to Big Bear Lake; (3) elements of the proposed Mercury TMDL and proposed Basin Plan Amendment; (4) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental documents to be prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act; and (5) an opportunity to comment on the scope of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan. Comments received in response to the workshop will be considered by staff in development of the substitute environmental documents and the draft Basin Plan Amendment. All comments received will be included in the final administrative record. Regional Board consideration of the proposed amendment is expected in the spring of 2009.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Public and private land owners; county officials in charge of land use and storm water management; federal, state and local regulators and water management officials; environmental groups; and other groups or individuals interested in pollution reduction efforts in the Big Bear Lake watershed.

If you need more information about the meeting, you may contact Hope Smythe at (951) 782-4493, or at hsmythe@waterboards.ca.gov. The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact Ms. Smythe at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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