

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SANTA ANA REGION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
Basin Plan Amendments to Incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads for Copper
and Non-TMDL Action Plans for other Metals in Newport Bay**

Notice is hereby given that staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will conduct two public workshops to obtain additional public comments regarding proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for copper (Cu) and Non-TMDL Action Plans for zinc (Zn), mercury (Hg), arsenic (As) and chromium (Cr) in Newport Bay, Orange County, California. The workshops will be held as follows:

DATE: May 9, 2019

TIME: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Marina Park Community Center – Event Room
1600 W. Balboa Blvd.
Newport Beach, CA 92663**

DATE: May 10, 2019

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Newport Beach Central Library – Friends Room
1000 Avocado Ave.
Newport Beach, CA 92660**

No action will be taken at these workshops to consider adoption of the proposed amendments, which may be revised based on the comments received at the workshops. The Regional Board will hold a subsequent public hearing for this purpose. If ultimately approved by the Regional Board, State Water Resources Control Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Copper (Cu) TMDLs and Non-TMDL Action Plans will supplant TMDLs promulgated in 2002 by USEPA for metals in Newport Bay. Recommended implementation strategies to address Cu, Zn, Hg and As are included in the amendments.

The proposed Basin Plan amendments and supporting documentation, including the Staff Report 2016, Supplemental Staff Report and draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED), which evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendments, can be viewed at the Regional Board website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl_metals.html 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.

For the sake of accuracy of the record, please provide written summaries of oral comments/questions presented at the workshops to the extent feasible. These written comments/questions should be submitted electronically to Linda Candelaria, PhD at RB8.CuTMDL@Waterboards.ca.gov, or by mail or hand-delivery to the following: Linda Candelaria, PhD Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board 3737 Main Street, Suite 500 Riverside, CA 92501-3348.

NOTE: The proposed amendments and draft SED have been the subject of two prior public comment periods (in 2016 and 2018). The comments received are posted on the Regional Board website identified above. Written responses to these prior comments have been or will be prepared, and are or will also be posted on the Regional Board website. To the extent feasible, comments/questions provided at the workshops should be limited to issues not previously raised.

We request that those in attendance at the workshops refrain from the use of perfumes, colognes or other fragrances to accommodate those with allergy sensitivities.

Date: March 28, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hope A. Smythe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Hope A. Smythe
Executive Officer