
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
AND AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AND PEER REVIEW,
DRAFT TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0041, AND AN AMMENDMENT TO
REVISE THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER
BASIN (BASIN PLAN) TO REVISE THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)
FOR NUTRIENTS IN LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will hold a public workshop to accept public comments and to consider amendments to the Basin Plan to incorporate revised TMDLs for nutrients in Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake. The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board meeting on May 3, 2019 at the following location:

DATE: May 3, 2019
Time: 9:00 am
Location: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Street
Loma Linda, CA

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d) the Regional Board has identified Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake as water quality limited segments, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. The impairment of Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake is due, in part, to excessive algae growth caused by excessive concentrations of nutrients. To correct the ongoing impairment of the Lakes due to excessive nutrients the Regional Board, in 2004, adopted TMDLs (2004 TMDLs) for nutrients in the Lakes that established Numeric Targets for nutrients and algae in the Lakes, Load Allocations for sources of nutrients discharged to the Lakes and an Implementation Plan.

There have been significant improvements in the water quality in both Lakes due to the implementation of nutrient load reduction and sediment nutrient flux reduction projects, by watershed stakeholders, since the adoption of the 2004 TMDLs. However, additional nutrient load reductions are needed to ensure the beneficial uses of the Lakes are protected and excessive nutrient and algae concentrations are further reduced.

A Draft Staff Report/TMDL Revision Technical Report (TMDL Revision Technical Report) has been prepared by the watershed stakeholders and Regional Board staff.

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This report contains all the required elements for revision of the 2004 TMDLs, including revised Numeric Targets for both Lakes to require further reductions of nutrients discharged to the Lakes and an updated Implementation Plan. The Draft TMDL Revision Technical Report also includes a Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED), for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the Regional Board will have to approve for the adoption of the revisions to the 2004 TMDLs. Regional Board staff has also prepared a Draft Tentative Resolution, with an attached Basin Plan Amendment, using the results of the TMDL Revision Technical Report/Staff Report. The Tentative Resolution No. 2019-0041 and Basin Plan Amendment, and the TMDLs Revision Technical Report/Staff Report, Drafts for Public Comments and Peer Review, can be found on the Regional Board's website, on the following web page:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/tmdl/elsinore_tmdl.html

Public participation is an important part of this process. The purpose of the workshop is to receive testimony and evidence on the proposed revisions to the 2004 TMDLs for nutrient in Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake, the Draft Tentative Resolution and Basin Plan Amendment. No formal action will occur at the May 3, 2019 workshop. Regional Board consideration of adoption of a proposed Basin Plan amendment will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the May 3, 2019 workshop. For the sake of accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of all oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Ken Theisen at the address listed above or by email at ken.theisen@waterboards.ca.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Ken Theisen. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Felip Montes at (951) 782-3285 by April 26, 2019.