Notice of a Public Workshop
Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate
Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Watershed Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)
into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will hold a public workshop to consider amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on September 17, 2004 at the following time and location:

DATE: September 17, 2004
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda

Discussion
Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d) the Regional Board has identified Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore 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 Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore is due, in part, to excessive levels of nutrients.

To address the impairment, the Regional Board is required to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nutrients that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. Regional Board staff has prepared draft Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore Nutrient TMDLs, which were presented and discussed at a Regional Board workshop on June 4, 2004. Based on written comments and oral comments received at the workshop, the proposed Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs have been revised. The purpose of the September 17, 2004 workshop is to receive testimony on the revised TMDLs and Basin Plan amendment.

A staff report responding to comments received and reviewing revisions to the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be available no later than September 3, 2004. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951)782-4130 or obtained from the Regional Board’s website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8. The staff report and related 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, after September 3, 2004. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951)782-4130.

No formal action will occur at the September 17, 2004 workshop. Regional Board consideration of adoption of the 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 September 17, 2004 workshop. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Xinyu (Cindy) Li at the address listed above or by e-mail to cli@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 or Xinyu (Cindy) Li at (951)782-4906. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951)782-3285 no later than September 8, 2004.