

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN TO: REVISE THE COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE FOR THE FECAL COLIFORM TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR SHELLFISH HARVESTING (SHEL) IN NEWPORT BAY; REVISE SHEL BENEFICIAL USE DEFINITION; ADD ANTIDEGRADATION TARGETS FOR NON-CONTACT WATER RECREATION (REC2) ONLY WATERS; ADD CERTAIN WATERS TO TABLES 3-1 AND 4-1 AND DESIGNATE BENEFICIAL USES FOR THOSE AND OTHER SELECT WATERS; ADD CHAPTER 6 TMDLS AND INTRODUCTORY NARRATIVE, AND REVISE SUBSEQUENT CHAPTER NUMBERING; AND ADD FECAL INDICATOR BACTERIA FOOTNOTE TO CHAPTERS 4 AND 5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Santa Ana Water Board) amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin that would revise the compliance schedule for the fecal coliform TMDL for SHEL In Newport Bay; revise the SHEL beneficial use definition; add antidegradation targets for REC2 only waters; add certain waters to Tables 3-1 and 4-1 and designate beneficial uses for those and other select waters; add Chapter 6 TMDLs and introductory narrative, and revise subsequent chapter numbering; and add fecal indicator bacteria footnote to Chapters 4 and 5. The Basin Plan amendments were adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board on June 16, 2017 (Resolution R8-2017-0019), and are available for review at the Santa Ana Water Board web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/bpa_fc_rec1.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendments can also be received by mail by contacting Dave Woelfel at (951) 782-7960 or David.Woelfel@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendments. **The State Water Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2017.** Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Santa Ana Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving the notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments **must subscribe** to and check the box for Basin Planning:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg8_subscribe.shtml. The State Water Board encourages use of the electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such requests to the Santa Ana Water Board contact identified above.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendments are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on November 27, 2017.** Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
 State Water Resources Control Board
 P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, **“Comment Letter—Santa Ana Region Revised Compliance Schedule for SHEL TMDL for Newport Bay and other Water Quality Standards Basin Plan Amendments.”**


REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., §3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendments adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board.
2. If the Santa Ana Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Santa Ana Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Santa Ana Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Santa Ana Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Dave Woelfel, Environmental Scientist at Santa Ana Water Board, at (951) 782-7960 or David.Woelfel@waterboards.ca.gov. All legal questions should be directed to David Rice, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5182 or David.Rice@waterboards.ca.gov.

October 20, 2017

 Date



 Jeanine Townsend
 Clerk to the Board