
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION BASIN TO EXPAND EXEMPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION OF NEW DISCHARGES FROM SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN QUAIL VALLEY

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) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana Basin (Basin Plan) that would expand exemptions to the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (Septic System) prohibition of discharges from new septic systems in Quail Valley, a community in the City of Menifee. The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board on January 16, 2020 (Resolution R8-2020-0004), and is available for review at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/R8-2020-0004.pdf

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Barbara Barry at (951) 248-0375 or Barbara.Barry@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE WATER 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 amendment. 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 in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving this Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to the State Water Board's [email subscription service](#) located at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. On this webpage under the "General Interests" category check the box for the "Board Meetings", provide your email address and name, then click on the "subscribe" button. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the Santa Ana Water Board lead staff contact identified below.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in this Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on March 11, 2020**. 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 Board, by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or postal mail or hand delivery to:

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—Quail Valley Septic Systems**”


REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS. Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f), comments submitted to the State Water Board must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment 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 Barbara Barry at the Santa Ana Water Board, at (951) 248-0375 or Barbara.Barry@waterboards.ca.gov; or Teresita Sablan, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5174 or Teresita.Sablan@waterboards.ca.gov.

February 5, 2020

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board