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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**A workshop will be held to discuss
Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0001, NPDES No. CAS0109266
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within
the San Diego Region**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012
9:00 a.m.
City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
Wastewater Branch Auditorium
9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, California
San Diego, CA 92123**

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold an informational public workshop at its regularly scheduled public meeting to receive information and discuss requirements in the public draft of a Regional NPDES Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region (Regional MS4 Permit) (Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0001). The Tentative Order will be available **on or before October 31, 2012** and will be accessible electronically at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Water Board is considering the adoption of a Regional MS4 Permit that will be issued to municipal Copermittees in San Diego County, Southern Orange County and Southwest Riverside County. Currently, each of these counties within the San Diego Region has its own MS4 Storm Water Permit. In order to better achieve regulatory consistency as well as maximum efficiency and economy of resources, the San Diego Water Board has drafted a single MS4 Permit based on the boundaries of the San Diego Region instead of county political boundaries. Under this approach, the Regional MS4 Permit will uniformly regulate all three counties within the San Diego Region once it becomes effective for all Copermittees. The Regional MS4 Permit will also provide opportunities for a comprehensive monitoring framework, incentive for a regional collaborative approach, and opportunities for regional cost efficiencies among Copermittees. Upon adoption by the San Diego Water Board, this Regional MS4 Permit will be issued to all 39 Copermittees in a phased manner according to the expiration dates of their current MS4 Storm Water Permits and after consideration of Reports of Waste Discharge filed by the Orange County and Riverside County Copermittees.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The November 13, 2012 public workshop will be informal and conducted to provide San Diego Water Board members with information about the Regional MS4 Permit and to facilitate discussion. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. San Diego Water Board staff will explain the permit development process and summarize significant elements of the Regional MS4 Permit for the San Diego Water Board and the public. Copermittees, interested stakeholders, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide oral comments as set forth below. The San Diego Water Board may provide general feedback to staff on development of the permit; however, no action or voting will take place at this workshop.

To ensure a productive and efficient Workshop, and to ensure that all attending have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations from Copermittees, stakeholders, and any interested persons may be limited at the discretion of the Chair. This item has significant interest and to provide enough time for all interested parties to participate, participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate public hearing notice announcing the release of the draft Regional MS4 Permit as a Tentative Order for public review and comment at a later date. The public hearing notice will establish the deadline for submission of comments, the date of the public hearing, and the procedures that the San Diego Water Board will follow at the public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order. Once released, the Tentative Order will serve as the public comment draft permit for purposes of applicable public notice requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R. § 124.10) and Water Code section 13167.5, subdivision (b).

ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST SUBSCRIPTION

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for information and notices on the development of a Regional MS4 Permit. The San Diego Water Board will use the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of on-line documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to one of the electronic mail lists titled "Orange County MS4 Permit," "Riverside County MS4 Permit, or "San Diego MS4 Permit" located on the San Diego Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml

Persons who wish to receive hard copy notices of future notices or meetings on the Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit in lieu of electronic notices should submit a request to Mr. Wayne Chiu, Water Resource Control Engineer, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123.

Please bring this matter to the attention of any person known to you who may be affected by the Regional MS4 Permit.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

If you have any questions or wish to receive a hard copy of the Tentative Order when it is released, please contact Wayne Chiu at (858) 637-5558 or via e-mail at wchiu@waterboards.ca.gov or Laurie Walsh at (858) 467-2970 or via e-mail at lwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov.