
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0204 amending
Order No. R9-2019-0169 as amended by Order No. R9-2020-0193,
NPDES No. CA0108031,
*Waste Discharge Requirements for the Fallbrook Public Utility District,
Fallbrook Water Reclamation Plant and Santa Margarita Groundwater Treatment Plant
Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the Oceanside Ocean Outfall*

Please Take Notice

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment, Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0204 amending Order No. R9-2019-0169 as amended by Order No. R9-2020-0193, NPDES No. CA0108031, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Fallbrook Public Utility District, Fallbrook Water Reclamation Plant and Santa Margarita Groundwater Treatment Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the Oceanside Ocean Outfall* (Tentative Order). The Tentative Order proposes to make amendments to Order No. R9-2019-0169 as directed by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on remand pursuant to Order WQ 2021-0005, as well as to more accurately describe the FPUD's land outfall structure, update the monitoring and reporting program to be consistent with recently adopted NPDES permits in the San Diego Region, and correct non-substantive typographical errors.

The Fallbrook Water Reclamation Plant provides municipal wastewater treatment services to a population of approximately 23,000 residents, treating predominately residential and commercial wastewater within the Fallbrook Public Utility District. The proposed Santa Margarita Groundwater Treatment Plant will treat raw groundwater for potable use and discharges the waste brine to the Oceanside Ocean Outfall.

Document Availability

Interested persons may receive a copy of the Tentative Order by contacting Joann Lim by phone at (619) 521-3362 or e-mail at Joann.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov or by otherwise addressing written requests to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700. Please note that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency the San Diego Water Board office is closed to the public and non-essential file reviews are postponed.

Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendments during the public comment period in person, by email, or by mail to the attention of Ms. Joann Lim (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov). The proposed amendments are listed in Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0204. The proposed amendments are also shown in redline/strikeout in Attachment 1 to Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0204. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0204". The deadline for submittal of written comments is **Friday, October 22, 2021**.

The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the **Friday, October 22, 2021** deadline. Late comments will not be accepted if doing so would prejudice any party in accordance with section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption

The public hearing on this Tentative Order will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for:

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 9:00a.m.
San Diego Regional Water Board Meeting Room,
2375 Northside Drive, San Diego California**

The meeting agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/

Reasonable time limits may be set for oral statements. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The meeting notice and agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found in the California Code of Regulations title 23, section 647, *et seq.* and are available upon request.

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Joann Lim by phone at (619) 521-3362 or e-mail at Joann.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the Tentative Order. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.

Date of Notice: September 22, 2021