

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0168, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of San Diego, Maple Canyon Project Phase 1: Storm Drain Improvements (Project), San Diego County* (Tentative Order), for public review and comment. The San Diego Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order at its regularly scheduled meeting on **September 8, 2021**.

The San Diego Water Board is considering adoption of the Tentative Order in response to an application submitted by the City of San Diego (Discharger) for the discharge of temporary fill material to 0.036 acres and 476 linear feet of waters of the State of California (State). The proposed Project will eliminate the flooding that has caused severe erosion in Maple Canyon and flooding of the downstream street and neighborhood. The Discharger will replace all storm drains in the canyon, add concrete energy dissipators and riprap to reduce the velocity of water entering the canyon, and add a new storm drain at the downstream end of the canyon that will tie in to the existing storm drain system. These activities comprise Phase 1 of the Project. Phase 2 activities, to be authorized under a separate order establishing waste discharge requirements (Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0169), will stabilize and revegetate the canyon slopes and install drop structures to reduce water velocities.

The Project is located in the City of San Diego, west of Balboa Park between Redwood Street and West Maple Street. The Project area lies within the Pueblo San Diego Hydrologic Unit, San Diego Mesa Hydrologic Area (HA), Lindbergh Hydrologic Subarea (HSA) (908.21).

The Tentative Order authorizes unavoidable direct impacts to Maple Canyon Stream, an ephemeral water of the State. The Project will create only temporary impacts that will be restored to pre-project conditions when construction is complete. Under the terms of the Tentative Order, the Discharger was required to demonstrate that the Project will not create impacts of a size, severity, or duration that would have significant adverse impacts on beneficial uses of waters of the State. Based on this demonstration no compensatory mitigation to offset Project impacts is required. Thus, the Tentative Order authorizes the Discharger to proceed with Project construction subject to the conditions of the Tentative Order.

Document Availability

The Tentative Order is available on the San Diego Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Interested persons may receive copies of the Tentative Order and related documents, including attachments, by contacting Dr. Jill Harris at (619) 521-8050 or Jill.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov or by making an appointment to visit the San Diego Water Board's office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700.

Submission of Written Comments

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order in accordance with this notice and pursuant to Water Code section 13167.5. The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested persons to raise and comment on issues pertaining to the Tentative Order.

All written comments pertaining to the Tentative Order to be considered by the San Diego Water Board must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021**. Written comments sent by mail must be addressed to California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego California 92108-2700, and to the attention of Dr. Jill Harris. Written comments can also be submitted by e-mail to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2021-0168 (855844:jharris)" indicating the Tentative Order being addressed.

Consistent with State Water Resources Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021**, will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption

The San Diego Water Board will conduct a public hearing on the Tentative Order during the board meeting scheduled at the following time and location:

September 8, 2021, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.
San Diego Water Board Meeting
No Physical Meeting Location – Webcast Only
(Authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20)
Video broadcast of meetings will be available at:
<https://cal-span.org/>

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely via remote participation. The meeting agenda, which will include meeting weblinks, a phone call option, and other specific information concerning the hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/.

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

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Dr. Jill Harris at (619) 521-8050 or Jill.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the above proposed action. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.

Notice Date: JULY 16, 2021