
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION PERIOD AND WORKSHOP FOR BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Triennial Basin Plan Review

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is initiating the triennial review process for the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin* (Basin Plan). To implement the federal Clean Water Act and the State's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establishes water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, sets antidegradation requirements, and describes implementation policies to achieve water quality objectives in the San Diego Region; collectively, these are known as water quality standards. State and federal laws¹ require periodic review and update of the Basin Plan and the Water Board's review is sometimes referred to as the "triennial" review because federal law requires a review of water quality standards every three years.

The purpose of the review is to identify and prioritize possible revisions to water quality standards and other aspects of the Basin Plan. The product of the review is a list of priority projects to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments. The San Diego Water Board has prepared a preliminary list of proposed Basin Planning projects for consideration in the 2021 Basin Plan Review.

Staff will present recommendations for priority projects to the San Diego Water Board for adoption at a public hearing following the solicitation period and workshop. The Board Hearing is tentatively scheduled for fall 2021. A Public Hearing Notice will be issued at least 45 days in advance of the Board Hearing. The San Diego Water Board will consider the public comments received and approve a list of priority projects that will be used to guide work to update the Basin Plan over the next three years.

¹ State law requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed [Water Code §13240]. Federal law requires water quality standards to be reviewed every three years [Clean Water Act §303(c)(1)].

Public Solicitation Period

Public participation is an important part of the Basin Plan triennial review. With this notice, the San Diego Water Board invites the public to submit comments on the preliminary projects or any other basin planning issue. Written comments for possible revisions to the Basin Plan, or on the preliminary list, will be accepted during the 60-day period of June 18, 2021 to August 17, 2021. Written comments received after the deadline may not be considered. The San Diego Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received.

Public Workshop

The San Diego Water Board will host a public workshop to provide information on the preliminary list of proposed Basin Planning projects and solicit comments from interested persons regarding the Basin Plan Triennial Review. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting will occur solely via remote presence. The San Diego Water Board will commence the public workshop on the following date and time:

July 20, 2021

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

No Physical Meeting Location – Video and Teleconference Meeting Only*

(Authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#).)

[ZOOM Registration Link](#)

*As of the date this agenda is published, the San Diego Water Board intends to conduct this workshop in a virtual/teleconference environment only. In the event orders from the Governor change before the scheduled date of this workshop, the format of this meeting may change to allow for in-person attendance at a physical meeting location (2375 Northside Dr., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108). If this were to occur, a revised agenda will be issued promptly to reflect the change to the format of the workshop. Persons desiring to receive notice about changes to the format of this workshop should sign up for the Interested Persons list, as described below.

Procedural Matters

This workshop is for informational purposes and no formal action will be taken. While a quorum of the San Diego Water Board may be present, the Board will not take formal action at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the board members and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

Submittal of Comments

Please submit email comments to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov, and include "Triennial Review Comment: 442887" in the subject line.

Comments may also be mailed to:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108
Attn: Ms. Michelle Santillan

Availability of Documents

Interested persons may view documents pertaining to the 2021 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.html

Interested Persons List

To receive future notices pertaining to the Basin Plan triennial review, please subscribe to the electronic mailing list at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.html

(select "Basin Planning Issues") or request to have notices sent via U.S. Mail (send written request to Ms. Michelle Santillan).

You do not need to re-subscribe to the electronic mailing list if you already are subscribed to the previous triennial review e-mail list for the San Diego Region.

Accessibility

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Michelle Santillan by phone at (619) 521-3369 or by email at Michelle.Santillan@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Staff Contact

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Michelle Santillan at via email at Michelle.Santillan@waterboards.ca.gov.