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## Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 7, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
CONDEMNING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, BIGOTRY, AND RACIAL INJUSTICE  
AND STRENGTHING COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY,  
INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND ANTI-RACISM IN THE SANTA ANA REGION**

**TENTATIVE RESOLUTION R8-2024-0029**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Resolution R8-2024-0029 (Tentative Resolution), which will serve as the Santa Ana Water Board's resolution to condemn racism, xenophobia, bigotry, and racial injustice and accepting responsibility for confronting structural and institutional racism and advancing racial equity. The Santa Ana Water Board staff convened and trained a Racial Equity Working Team to execute the resolution and develop a companion region-specific action plan that details the tasks to achieve the resolution goals.

A main part of the Tentative Resolution directs the staff to develop strategies for effectively reaching and meaningfully engaging with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities, Tribes, stakeholders and other interested parties in our decision-making process; to provide accessible, open and transparent opportunities for people to participate in our public meetings, hearings, and workshops; to meet people in their communities and spaces to seek out their perspectives; to support communities with building capacity to advance racial equity and environmental justice; to improve our communications by providing more plain-language materials; and to address barriers to public participation, including language, digital, and time-of-day access. The Tentative Resolution is designed to strengthen our commitment to integrate racial equity in our policies and water quality programs, create and maintain spaces for inclusion and belonging, activate Black, Indigenous, and People of Color community wisdom, foster open communications, and sharing power and knowledge with communities.

The Santa Ana Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Resolution during a public hearing at a regularly scheduled Santa Ana Water Board meeting as follows:

**Date:** March 15, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** City of Anaheim  
200 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805  
(remote participation available)

The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Remote Participation](#) webpage. For those who do not intend to actively participate, the meeting will be livestreamed via [Cal-Span](#).

Interested persons may attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. Such comments will generally be limited to three minutes, though the Board Chair may grant additional time on a case-by-case basis.

The Santa Ana Water Board's agenda for the Board meeting will be available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Agenda](#) webpage at least ten days prior to the meeting. Please check the Santa Ana Water Board's website for the most up-to-date public hearing date and location, as they are subject to change.

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Santa Ana Water Board will accept written comments on the Tentative Resolution during a 30-day public comment period. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Resolution are requested to do so as soon as possible, but comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 9, 2024**.

Written comments can be submitted to Jayne Joy by email at [jayne.joy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jayne.joy@waterboards.ca.gov) or by fax at (951) 782-3252. Hand deliveries and mailed comments should be sent to the address below:

Attn: Jayne Joy, PE, Executive Officer  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board  
3737 Main Street, Ste. 500  
Riverside, CA 92501

### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

A copy of the Tentative Resolution is available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Tentative Orders](#) webpage. Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the Tentative Resolution may also be made by calling the Santa Ana Water Board at (951) 782-4130.

### **LANGUAGE SERVICES AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY**

Any person who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in this Santa Ana Water Board meeting should contact Jessica Baenre at (951) 782-3285 or by email at [jessica.baenre@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.baenre@waterboards.ca.gov), no later than seven business days prior to the meeting.

To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least ten calendar days before the meeting by contacting Jessica Baenre at (951) 782-3285 or by email at [jessica.baenre@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.baenre@waterboards.ca.gov). Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: TTY (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Jayne Joy by email at [jayne.joy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jayne.joy@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (951) 782-3284.