



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region



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NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) related to Recreational Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, will hold a CEQA scoping meeting pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9. The scoping meeting will provide participants the opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental document that will be prepared for the proposed Basin Plan amendments. The substitute environmental document will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to Certified Regulatory Programs (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 3775 *et seq.*).

The proposed Basin Plan amendments are based on the recommendations of the Storm Water Quality Standards Task Force and include:

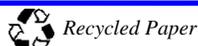
- Revision of the REC-1 (water contact recreation) beneficial use definition and applicable bacterial water quality objectives for inland surface waters, based on USEPA national criteria;
- Revision of the REC-2 (non-contact water recreation) bacterial water quality objectives for surface waters based on antidegradation data and analysis;
- Establishment of a narrative objective for pathogenic microorganisms in surface waters designated REC-1 and/or REC-2;
- Establishment of a high flow suspension of REC-1 and REC-2 beneficial uses and bacterial objectives; and
- Re-designation of recreational uses for certain surface waters, pursuant to Use Attainability Analyses.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to provide a forum for early public consultation regarding the environmental issues that should be considered in the substitute environmental document for these amendments. This consultation will assist the Regional Board in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects to be analyzed prior to the decision-making process.

The scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

DATE: January 28, 2010
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
LOCATION: Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), Board Room
 11615 Sterling Avenue
 Riverside, CA 92503

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Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Jeff Beelher at (951) 354-4239 no later than 10 days before the scheduled meeting.

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