
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN FOR
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR COPPER IN NEWPORT BAY
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND
NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public meeting to consider adopting a resolution to approve the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Santa Ana Water Board) amendment to the Santa Ana River Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Copper in Newport Bay (Basin Plan amendment).

The date, time, and location of the public meeting is:

Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 9:00 AM
COASTAL HEARING ROOM
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
and via Video and Teleconference

The agenda for the August 5, 2025 State Water Board meeting and instructions for participating in the meeting will be posted on or about July 25, 2025, at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast is available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/

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BACKGROUND

The Santa Ana Water Board adopted the Basin Plan amendment and approved the SED on December 2, 2022, by [Resolution No. R8-2022-0012](#). Both Upper and Lower Newport Bay continue to exceed the California Toxics Rule (CTR) chronic and acute criteria of 3.4 and 4.8 µg/L, respectively for dissolved copper in salt water. The largest source of copper to Newport Bay is discharges from copper antifouling paints (AFPs) on boats (both recreational and commercial vessels) from passive leaching and underwater hull cleaning. The Copper TMDLs include dissolved water column targets (CTR criteria for copper) and a sediment numeric target (Effects Range Low of 34 µg copper/g dry weight), as well as an alternative sediment target based on the [Sediment Quality Provisions](#) that may be used instead of the sediment numeric target. The Copper TMDLs also include a recommended program of implementation to reduce copper concentrations in Newport Bay.

NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A link to electronic copies of the Basin Plan amendment, SED and supporting documents are available at: [Copper - Metals TMDLs for Newport Bay | Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board \(ca.gov\)](#).

On June 16, 2023, the State Water Board issued a 30-day public notice of the opportunity to comment on the State Water Board's consideration of approval of the Basin Plan Amendment. The written comment period ended on July 17, 2023. A response to comment document is available and can be found on the [Santa Ana Water Board's website](#). No additional written comments will be accepted. Oral comments made during the public meeting will be responded to, if necessary, during the meeting.

Alternatively, a copy of these documents can also be received by mail by contacting Terri Reeder at (951) 782-4995 or terri.reeder@waterboards.ca.gov.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants at the public meeting. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time limited. For other presentation recommendations go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

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- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
- Contact the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) at: 916-341-5254 or at: opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS

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PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

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<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Terri Reeder, Senior Engineering Geologist, at (951) 782-4995, or by e-mail at terri.reeder@waterboards.ca.gov.

June 12, 2025
Date



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