
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION TO INCORPORATE BIOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region's (San Diego Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan amendment incorporates general narrative guidance for the development of biological objectives and a numeric water quality objective for perennial and seasonal streams using benthic macroinvertebrates and the California Stream Condition Index (CSCI). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the San Diego Water Board on December 8, 2020 (Resolution No. R9-2020-0234) and is available for review at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/bio_objec tives/.

You may request a paper copy of the Basin Plan amendment by contacting Chad Loflen at (619) 521-3370 or Chad.Loflen@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the San Diego Water Board's Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to the State Water Board's email list (under GENERAL INTEREST):

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

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the San Diego Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on August 23, 2021**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – San Diego Basin Plan Biological Objectives Amendment**".

If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f), comments submitted to the State Water Board must satisfy all of the following requirements:

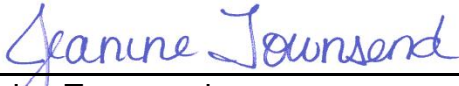
1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the San Diego Water Board on December 8, 2020.
2. If the San Diego Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the San Diego Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the San Diego Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the San Diego Water Board.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Chad Loflen, Senior Environmental Scientist at the San Diego Regional Water Board, at (619) 521-3370 or Chad.Loflen@waterboards.ca.gov; or Catherine Hagan, Staff Council at the San Diego Regional Water Board, at (619) 521-3012 or Catherine.Hagan@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 19, 2021

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board