



Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 10, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL

SILVERADO FIRE DAMAGED RESTORATION PROJECT

ORANGE COUNTY

TENTATIVE ORDER R8-2026-0018

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 Order R8-2026-0018 (Tentative Order) for the California Department of Transportation, District 12 (Discharger) for the Silverado Fire Damaged Restoration Project (Project).

In 2020, the Silverado Fire burned in southern Orange County, damaging infrastructure essential to roadway operations. The Project encompasses upgrading existing roadway facilities to current standards with increased resiliency to extreme weather. The implementation of the Project will result in temporary impacts of 0.225 acre of waters of the State, as a result of replacing existing drainage pipes and safety devices with improved material within the original footprint.

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

Date: April 24, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618
(remote participation available)

JOHN SCANDURA, CHAIR | ERIC LINDBERG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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](#).

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

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 Order during a 30-day public comment period. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on April 9, 2026.

Written comments can be submitted to Kyle Fructuoso at Kyle.Fructuoso@waterboards.ca.gov. Hand deliveries and mailed comments should be sent to the address below:

Attn: Kyle Fructuoso
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who requires special accommodation to participate in the Santa Ana Water Board hearing should contact Jessica Baenre at (951) 782-3285 no later than April 17, 2026.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Kyle Fructuoso by email at Kyle.Fructuoso@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (951) 320-2028.