

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
REVISED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R8-2019-0050, AS
AMENDED BY R8-2023-0063 AND R8-2025-0003, TO COMPLY WITH THE FECAL
COLIFORM WASTE LOAD ALLOCATION FOR
NEWPORT BAY
FOR
THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, THE ORANGE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,
COSTA MESA, IRVINE, LAGUNA HILLS, LAGUNA WOODS, LAKE FOREST, NEWPORT
BEACH, ORANGE, SANTA ANA, AND TUSTIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) is accepting public comments on a revised proposed alternative method to demonstrate compliance with R8-2019-0050 (the Revised Proposal). Staff of the Santa Ana Water Board received the original Proposal from the County of Orange via a letter dated June 16, 2025. The Revised Proposal was submitted on September 8, 2025, in response to comments by Santa Ana Water Board staff. The Proposal was submitted in accordance with Provision 23 of Time Schedule Order R8-2019-0050, as amended (the TSO), to comply with the fecal coliform waste load allocation for Newport Bay.

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

The requirements for the Proposal come from Provision 23 of the TSO. Provision 23, allows, but does not require, permittees to propose an alternative method for determining compliance with the TSO. Provision 23 requires any proposal for an alternative method must:

- Include sufficient justification for its use.
- Be approved by the Executive Officer of the Santa Ana Water Board.
- Undergo 30 days of public review.

The full requirements for the Proposal are detailed in Provision 23 of the TSO, which is available upon request.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Santa Ana Water Board will accept written comments on the Revised Proposal during a 30-day public comment period that begins on September 17, 2025, and ends on October 17, 2025. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on October 17, 2025.

The Revised Proposal and the TSO will be provided upon request. Please write to the following email to request copies of the documents:

rb8-stormwater.comments@waterboards.ca.gov

The above email may also be used to submit written comments and documents less than 20 megabytes.

To send a file larger than 20 megabytes to staff of the Santa Ana Water Board, please follow the steps below:

1. Email webmaster8@waterboards.ca.gov to request credentials. Provide your name and reason for the request.
2. When you receive the username and password, login to the [Water Boards FTP site](#)
3. Follow the [FTP Instructions](#) to upload the file(s).
4. In order to ensure proper routing, send an email to webmaster8@waterboards.ca.gov and provide the file name that you just uploaded and the recipient's name.

Paper submittals are discouraged but may be mailed to the Santa Ana Water Board at the address provided below or sent via facsimile (Attention: Adam Fischer) to (951) 781-6288.

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Adam Fischer
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

MAILING LIST

To receive further notices relating to the Proposal, parties and interested persons should enroll in the mailing list below. If you are already on this mailing list, no further action is needed. To enroll:

1. Go to the following website:
public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=santa_ana
2. Enter your email address.
3. Under the "*Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)*" tab, select the check box for "*Orange County - TMDL.*"
4. Click "Submit."
5. Enter your first name, last name, and county (optional but recommended).