
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0006 amending
Order No. R9-2021-0011
NPDES No. CA0109045

Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of San Diego South Bay Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP) Discharge to the Pacific Ocean Through the South Bay Ocean Outfall

Please Take Notice

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0006 *Amending Order No. R9-2021-0011, NPDES No. CA0109045 Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of San Diego South Bay Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP) Discharge to the Pacific Ocean Through the South Bay Ocean Outfall (SBOO)* (Tentative Order). If adopted, the Tentative Order will update the City of San Diego's NPDES permit to reflect 1) changes to pH monitoring requirements; 2) the reduced frequency of the local limits evaluation to once per five years; 3) the use of 24-hour composite or grab samples for the following parameters in effluent monitoring: ammonium, total nitrogen, total organic nitrogen, nitrate (as N), nitrite (as N), total phosphorus (as P), phosphate, total organic carbon, dissolved inorganic carbon, total iron, dissolved iron, alkalinity, and salinity; 4) reporting of nitrate and nitrite as N; 5) changes to the deadline to submit receiving water monitoring results to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN); 6) updates to flow, outflow operations, and dilution factor in the SBOO in response to the 10 million gallon per day (MGD) expansion of the neighboring South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant; and 7) the correct description of the SBOO.

Document Availability

Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0006 and all attachments are available on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendments during the public comment period by email (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov), in person, or by mail to the attention of Mr. Riley Nolan at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108-2700. The proposed amendments are listed in Tentative Order No. R9-2026-

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0006. The proposed amendments are also shown in redline/strikeout in Attachment 1 to Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0006. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0006." The deadline for submittal of written comments is **Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time)**.

The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after **Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time)**. Late comments will not be accepted if doing so would prejudice any party in accordance with section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption

The public hearing on this Tentative Order will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for:

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
San Diego Regional Water Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, San Diego, California 92108-2700**

The meeting agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/

Reasonable time limits may be set for oral statements. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The meeting notice and agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found in the California Code of Regulations title 23, section 647, *et seq.* and are available upon request.

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Mr. Riley Nolan, Water Resource Control Engineer, by e-mail at Riley.Nolan@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the Tentative Order. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.

Date of Notice: January 14, 2026