

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment, Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0007, NPDES No. CA0109223, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Channelside Water Resources LP Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean* (Tentative Order).

Background and Purpose of Tentative Order

The Carlsbad Desalination Plant (Facility) is a seawater desalination plant located at 4590 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, San Diego County. The Facility withdraws seawater from Agua Hedionda Lagoon and discharges brine and other waste generated during Facility operations to the Pacific Ocean. The Tentative Order, if adopted, will reissue the National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Facility to discharge brine and other waste to the Pacific Ocean for a five-year term.

Document Availability

The Tentative Order and related documents are available online at:

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

Interested persons may receive copies of the Tentative Order by contacting Cailynn Smith by phone at (619) 521-3380, or by email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov, or by visiting the San Diego Water Board office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Submission of Written Comments

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order in accordance with this notice.

The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the Tentative Order. All written comments regarding the Tentative Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026**, to be considered by the San Diego Water Board. Comments should be submitted by e-mail to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. The subject line of all written comments must include “Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0007”. Written comments can also be sent by mail to: California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, and ATTN: Cailynn Smith.”

The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026**, will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review in advance of the public hearing to consider the adoption of the Tentative Order. San Diego Water Board staff

will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received. Consistent with State Water Resources Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026**, may not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Public Hearing for Consideration of the Tentative Order

The San Diego Water Board will publish a *Meeting Notice and Agenda* in advance of the public hearing for the Tentative Order. The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* will indicate the meeting date, time, location, and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing. The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at the following webpage:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/

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

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Cailynn Smith by phone at (619) 521-3380, or by email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov, for information regarding the above-proposed action. Please share this information with any person interested in this matter.

Date of Notice: Thursday, September 10, 2026