



San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0009 Amending Order No. R9-2021-0001
NPDES No. CA0108928

Waste Discharge Requirements for the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant 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. R9-2023-0009 amending Order No. R9-2021-0001, NPDES No. CA0108928, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall* (Tentative Order). The Tentative Order proposes to amend Order No. R9-2021-0001 in accordance with the terms of a settlement agreement between the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission and the San Diego Water Board signed on September 6, 2022. The Tentative Order also proposes to amend Order No. R9-2021-2001 to clarify the status of chlorine disinfection and to add "24-hr Composite" to the "Sample Type" to seven monitoring parameters. Amendments proposed to Order No. R9-2021-0001 are listed on page 3 of the Tentative Order and shown in redline/strikeout in Attachment 1 to the Tentative Order.

The South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) is located on a 75-acre site in San Ysidro, a community of the City of San Diego near the international border in the United States immediately north of Tijuana's main wastewater pumping station. The SBIWTP is designed to treat to secondary treatment standards up to 25 MGD of raw sewage flows exceeding the capacity of Tijuana's sewage treatment and conveyance facilities and treats some transboundary flows in canyons and gullies that empty from Tijuana into the Tijuana River Estuary on the United States side of the international border.

Document Availability

Interested persons may receive a copy of the Tentative Order by contacting Vicente Rodriguez by phone at (619) 521-3366 or e-mail at Vicente.Rodriguez@waterboards.ca.gov or by otherwise addressing written requests to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700.

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Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Tentative Order during the public comment period in person, by email, or by mail to the attention of Vicente Rodriguez (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov). Written comments will only be accepted for the revised portions of Order No. R9-2021-0001, as show in redline-underline and red-strikeout in Attachment 1 to Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0009. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0009". The deadline for submittal of written comments is **Friday, January 6, 2023**.

The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the **Friday, January 6, 2023**, deadline. 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 the Tentative Order

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:00a.m.
San Diego Regional Water Board Meeting Room,
2375 Northside Drive, San Diego, California

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 Vicente Rodriguez by phone at (619) 521-3366 or email at Vicente.Rodriguez@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: December 7, 2022