

CEQA Scoping Meeting

Revisions to Bacteria TMDLs in the San Diego Region

Michelle Santillan, P.E.
Water Resource Control Engineer



San Diego Water Board, February 17, 2026



Meeting Agenda

- Why are we here?
- Background
- Project Description
- CEQA Requirements
- Basin Plan Process
- Submitting Feedback



Why are we here?



Purpose of CEQA Scoping

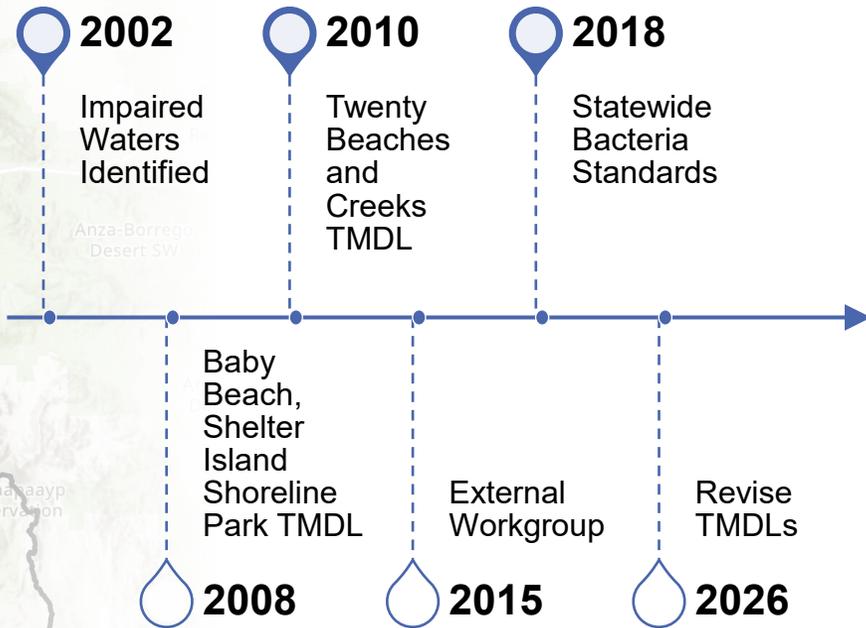
- Background and overview of project
- Your input on:
 - Actions
 - Impacts
 - Mitigation
 - Alternatives

History of Bacteria TMDLs



Indicator Bacteria:
Revised Project I -
Twenty Beaches and
Creeks in San Diego
Region (including
Tecolote Creek)

Indicator Bacteria:
Project II - Baby Beach
in Dana Point Harbor
and Shelter Island
Shoreline Park in San
Diego Bay



Pueblo San Diego

Esri, CGIAR, USGS, SanGIS, California State Parks, Pala GIS Department, Esri, SafeGraph, FAO, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management

The Project: Revise Bacteria TMDLs

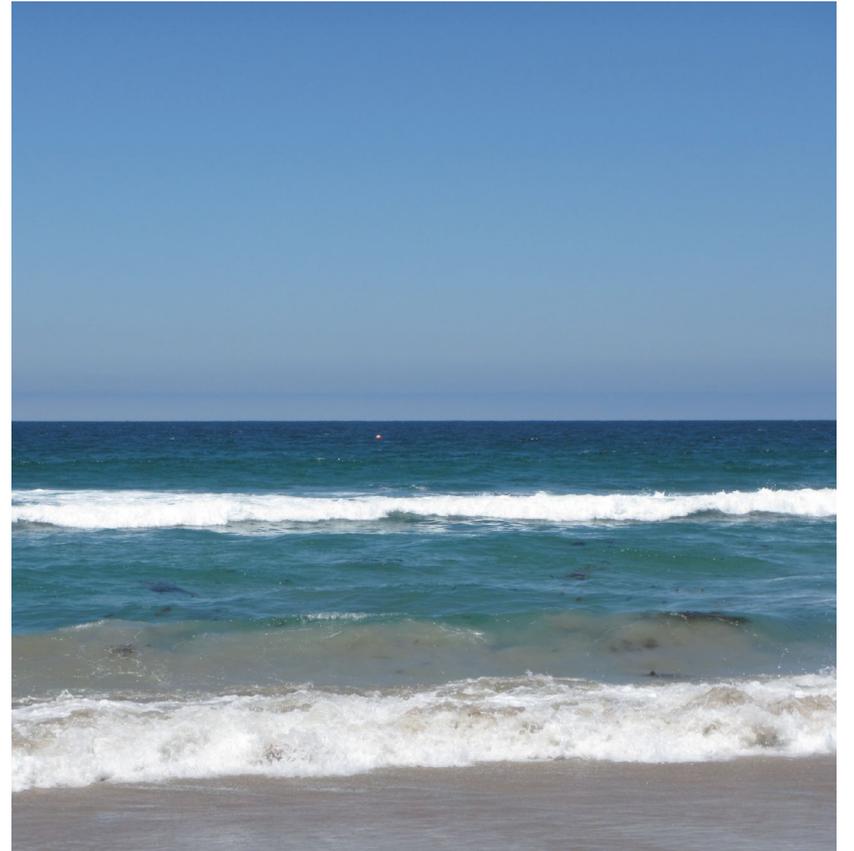
Update numeric targets

Update source analyses

Update the implementation plan

Human fecal source identifiers

Evaluate changes to compliance dates



3 Options for Project Development

1

Update one TMDL
at a time

2

Update both
TMDLs at the same
time

3

Update and
combine both
TMDLs

Scope of CEQA Analysis

Will consider:

- Reasonably Foreseeable Methods of Compliance
- Environmental Impacts
- Mitigation Measures
- Alternatives

Will not consider:

- Changes with effects already considered
- Speculative changes

4 Levels of Impacts to Consider

Potentially Significant

Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Less Than Significant

No Impact

Potential Outcomes of CEQA Scoping

1

Confirm Previous
Analyses

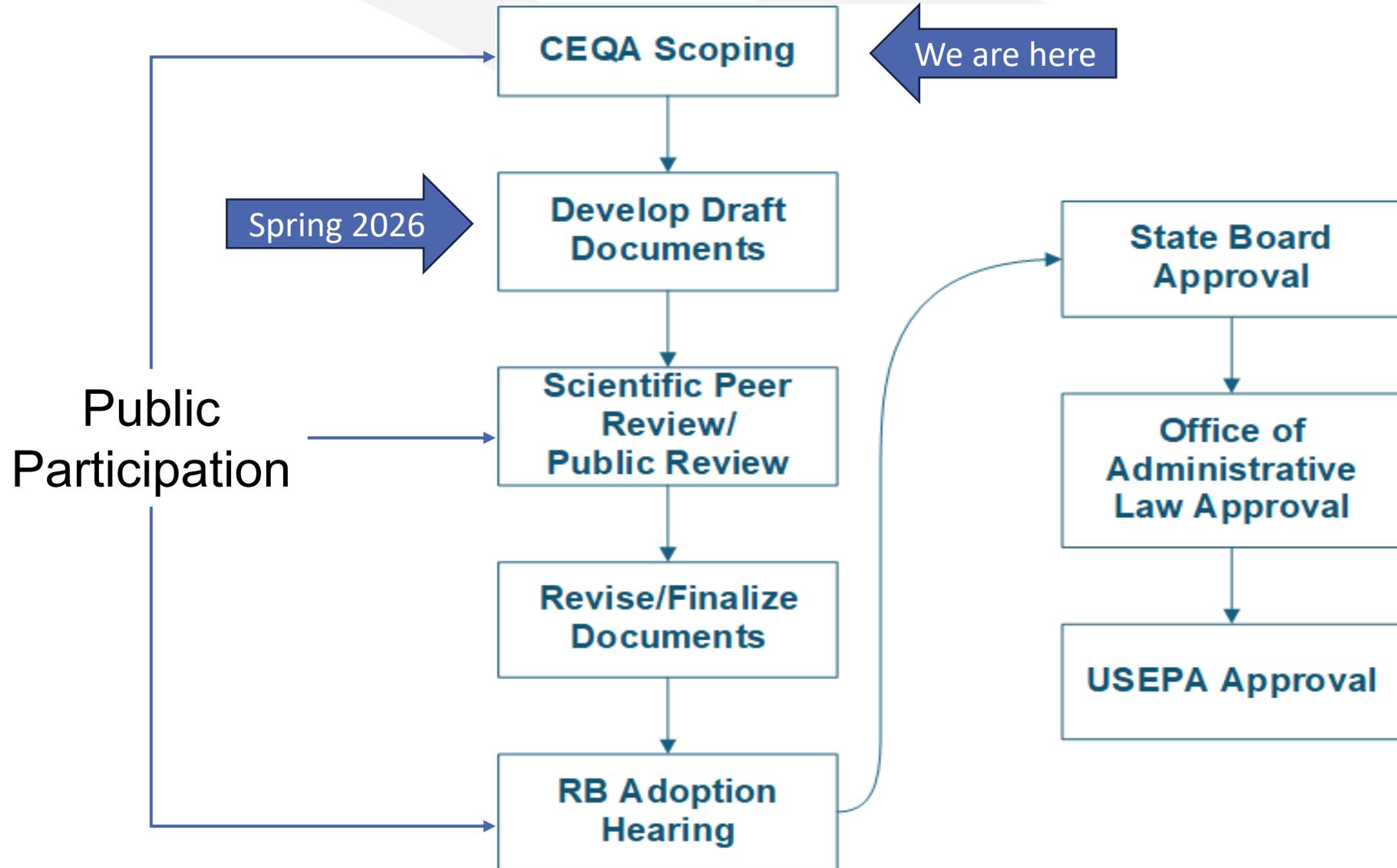
2

Minor Updates to
Existing Analyses

3

Full Revision/
New Analyses

Basin Plan Amendment Process + Schedule



We want to hear from you!



Comments due March 6, 2026

- By mail: 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108
- By email: sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov
- Include Project ID:650426
- No written response to comments

External Workgroup

- Email: Michelle.Santillan@waterboards.ca.gov
- March 31, 2026

Share Ideas for CEQA Analysis

Help us identify what to study:

- **Actions** – steps taken to reduce fecal contamination
- **Impacts** – environmental effects that should be evaluated
- **Mitigation** – measures to minimize those effects
- **Alternatives** – different strategies WB should consider



Thank you!

- Project Webpage:

[Water Recreation \(REC-1\) Water Quality Objectives](#)

- Project Manager:

Michelle Santillan
619-521-3369

Michelle.Santillan@waterboards.ca.gov

