
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 22, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2021 BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a public hearing on the 2021 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan). The San Diego Water Board intends to consider adopting a Resolution, which if adopted, would approve the Basin Plan review and proposed 3-year workplan. The public hearing will commence on the following date and time:

December 8, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

No Physical Meeting Location – Video and Teleconference Meeting Only*
(As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and as authorized by Government Code section 11133)

Video broadcast of meetings will be available at:

<https://cal-span.org/>

*As of the date this notice is published, the San Diego Water Board intends to conduct this hearing in a virtual/teleconference environment only. In the event the board decides to add a physical meeting location (2375 Northside Dr., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108), a revised notice will be issued promptly to provide further information. Persons desiring to receive notice about changes to the format of this hearing should sign up for the Interested Persons list, as described below.

A meeting agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted prior to the hearing on the San Diego Water Board website at:

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

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647, et seq. and are available upon request. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting will occur solely via remote presence. Links for the meeting, including a phone call option, will be posted on: <https://cal-span.org/>

For those who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here:

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

Background

The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater, establishes water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, sets antidegradation requirements, and describes implementation policies to achieve water quality objectives in the San Diego Region; collectively, these are known as water quality standards. State and federal laws¹ require periodic review and update of the Basin Plan and the Water Board's review is sometimes referred to as the "triennial" review because federal law requires a review of water quality standards every three years.

The purpose of the review is to identify and prioritize possible revisions to water quality standards and other aspects of the Basin Plan. The product of the review is a list of priority projects to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments.

Public Participation

A preliminary list of Basin Plan projects was released on June 18, 2021. Written comments for possible revisions to the preliminary list and other aspects of the Basin Plan were invited during a 60-day public solicitation period from June 18, 2021 to August 17, 2021. A public workshop and Tribal Summit to provide information and to hear comments were held on July 20, 2021 and August 4, 2021, respectively.

The San Diego Water Board staff are preparing a response to comments document to address written comments received by August 17, 2021. The comments received will be considered in the development of an updated staff report and prioritized list that will be presented to the San Diego Water Board to consider for adoption at the public hearing.

The public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments during the hearing. Instructions for doing so will be included in the public notice for the hearing.

Availability of Documents

Interested persons may view the staff report and list of priority projects at the San Diego Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.html

¹ State law requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed [Water Code §13240]. Federal law requires water quality standards to be reviewed every three years [Clean Water Act §303(c)(1)].

Interested Persons List

To receive future notices pertaining to Basin Planning projects, please subscribe to the electronic mailing list at (select "Basin Planning Issues"):

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.html

Accessibility

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Chris Blank by phone at (619) 521-3382 or by email at Christina.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Staff Contact

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