
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 5, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION PERIOD

**NON-REGULATORY UPDATES TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
THE SAN DIEGO BASIN**

Background

Water quality control plans form the basis for regulatory actions by California Regional Water Quality Control Boards taken to protect waters of the State and to assure compliance with the California Water Code and other applicable laws and regulations. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is proposing non-regulatory updates¹ to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin ([Basin Plan](#)). The proposed updates include removing and/or updating outdated tables and text, identifying and incorporating applicable statewide regulations adopted by the State Water Board, adding hyperlinks to state and federal regulations, Resolutions, Plans and Policies, correcting typographical errors, and rearranging and renumbering tables. The proposed Basin Plan update is consistent with the San Diego Water Board's [2018 Triennial Review Project No. 6](#) and with the San Diego Water Board's [Practical Vision, Chapter 4](#) (Proactive Public Outreach and Communication).

The Basin Plan is a dynamic, rather than fixed, document. It requires periodic updates to ensure that the information in it is current. Editorial changes such as corrections, clarifications and general formatting are considered “non-regulatory” in nature. They do not change or impose any new requirements on the regulated community. These “non-regulatory” changes simply improve the overall accuracy, readability, and utility of the Basin Plan. Providing the public with user-friendly access to helpful and easily understood information is an essential component of the Practical Vision.

Public Solicitation Period

Public participation is an important part of the Basin Plan amendment process. With this notice, the San Diego Water Board invites the public to submit comments on the draft proposed updates to Chapters 2, 3, and 4 of the Basin Plan. The public may provide written comments on the proposed updates during the 47-day public comment period from December 5, 2019 to January 21, 2020.

¹ Updates are made through the Basin Plan amendment process.

The San Diego Water Board will prepare a response to comments document to address written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020. The draft update will be presented to the San Diego Water Board for adoption at a subsequent public meeting. Consideration of the Basin Plan amendment is tentatively scheduled for the Board meeting on March 5, 2020. A Public Meeting Notice will be issued at least 45 days in advance, and documents relevant to the meeting will be available at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Submittal of Comments

Comments submitted via email prior to January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. are accepted. The San Diego Water Board prefers emailed comments be in text-searchable format. Comments should be emailed to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov, with “2020 Non-Regulatory Basin Plan Amendment: 863277” in the subject line.

Comments may also be mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108
Attn: Ms. Michelle Santillan

Deadline for Comments

The deadline for San Diego Water Board receipt of comments is January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments received after the deadline may not be considered.

Website for Documents and Information

Interested persons may view the draft staff report and proposed Basin Plan editorial changes at the San Diego Water Board website at:

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

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

Staff Contact

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