

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

SAN DIEGO REGION

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD FOR
TENTATIVE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY
ORDER NO. R9-2020-0014**

**IN THE MATTER OF SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
SAN JUAN CREEK OCEAN OUTFALL**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is considering the adoption of Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order (Stipulated Order) No. R9-2020-0014. The Stipulated Order is a settlement agreement between South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) and the San Diego Water Board's Prosecution Team to address mandatory minimum penalties associated with alleged serious effluent violations of Order No. R9-2012-0012, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the San Juan Creek Ocean Outfall*.

To resolve the alleged violations without formal administrative proceedings, SOCWA has agreed to the final imposition of an administrative civil liability in the amount of \$27,000, the mandatory minimum penalty amount required by Water Code section 13385.

Document Availability

A copy of the Stipulated Order is available for download and review from the San Diego Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/compliance/acl_complaints.html

Written Comment Period

The San Diego Water Board is accepting written comments on the Stipulated Order. **Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2020.**

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Stipulated Order during the public comment period by e-mail to the attention of Keith Yaeger (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment – Stipulated Order No. R9-2020-0014; 257592:KYaeger". All comments timely received will be provided to the San Diego Water Board, or its

delegate, to consider whether to accept or deny the Stipulated Order. The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the deadline.

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