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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LOWER TIJUANA RIVER INDICATOR BACTERIA AND TRASH ADVANCE RESTORATION PLAN

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**San Diego Water Board Meeting Room**  
**2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108**  
**San Diego, California 92108**  
**And via Video and Teleconference**

#### **Instructions to Join the Meeting**

The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* will include instructions to participate in the meeting in-person or virtually. If you wish to ask a question or make a comment, you must attend in-person or join via Zoom using the instructions provided in the *Meeting Notice and Agenda*. Those who do not plan to comment or ask a question are encouraged to view the webcast at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/#/>

The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* will be posted at least ten days prior to the meeting date on the following webpage:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board\\_info/agendas/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/)

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings are found in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647, et seq., and are available upon request.

#### **Document Availability**

The Lower Tijuana River Indicator Bacteria and Trash Advance Restoration Plan (Lower Tijuana River ARP) will be available for review on the San Diego Water Board's website by November 8, 2024, at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/tijuanarivervalley.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tijuanarivervalley.html)

Alternatively, a copy of the Advance Restoration Plan can be received by mail or email by contacting the San Diego Water Board beginning on November 8, 2024 at (619) 516-1990 or [sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov).

#### **Background**

The Lower Tijuana River is listed on the federal Clean Water Act's Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies due to 20 pollutants, including indicator bacteria and trash. Transboundary flows from Mexico, containing sewage, trash, and polluted urban runoff, result in severe impairments to the beneficial uses of the Lower Tijuana River, Tijuana River Estuary, and the nearby coastline. The Lower Tijuana River ARP identifies

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implementation actions to achieve reductions in trash and indicator bacteria loading and attain applicable water quality standards. This ARP satisfies federal requirements for addressing impairments in a manner consistent with the State's [Water Quality Control Policy for Addressing Impaired Waters](#) to ensure all applicable beneficial uses are attained. This ARP addresses key elements recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or that would be required for the development of a conventional Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in the future, including:

1. Identification of a water body, pollutants of concern, pollutant sources, and priority ranking.
2. Applicable water quality standards and numeric water quality targets.
3. Loading capacity.
4. Load allocations and/or waste load allocations.
5. Margin of safety.
6. Consideration of seasonal variation.
7. Reasonable assurance for point and nonpoint sources.
8. Monitoring plan to track ARP effectiveness.
9. Implementation plan.
10. Public participation.

### **Public Review**

The Lower Tijuana River ARP was released in its draft form for public comments from January 10 to March 13, 2024. During this time, San Diego Water Board staff held in-person and virtual public workshops on the draft ARP on February 26 and February 28, 2024, respectively. The San Diego Water Board received three written comments on the draft ARP. Written Response to Comments were posted on September 30, 2024 at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/tmdls/tijuanarivervalle.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/tmdls/tijuanarivervalle.html)

The San Diego Water Board is not accepting further written comments on the ARP at this stage. Parties interested in providing further comments are encouraged to provide an oral comment at the December 11, 2024, board meeting.

### **Accessibility**

Individuals who have special accommodation needs should contact Mr. Riley Nolan at (619) 521-3358 or [Riley.Nolan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Riley.Nolan@waterboards.ca.gov) by December 4, 2024.

### **Language Interpretation Services**

Individuals requiring language interpretation services must contact Mr. Riley Nolan at (619) 521-3358 or [riley.nolan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:riley.nolan@waterboards.ca.gov) by November 18, 2024. Closed captions in Spanish will be available to remote attendees participating through Zoom.

### **Staff Contact**

For questions about this public notice or the Lower Tijuana River ARP, please contact Mr. Riley Nolan, Water Resource Control Engineer, at [riley.nolan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:riley.nolan@waterboards.ca.gov).