CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SANTA ANA REGION

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December 2, 2022 Revised December 20, 2022

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF WASTE FROM IRRIGATED LANDS IN THE SAN JACINTO WATERSHED TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R8-2023-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment tentative Order No. R8-2023-0006 (Tentative Order), *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Lands in the San Jacinto River Watershed*. The Tentative Order proposes to regulate owners and/or operators of irrigated lands (Dischargers) in the San Jacinto Watershed with the potential to discharge wastes that may impact the quality of the waters of the state. The Tentative Order also establishes substantive and procedural requirements for third-party representatives of the Dischargers formed to assist with compliance with the order (Coalition Groups).

The Santa Ana Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Order during a public hearing at a regularly scheduled Santa Ana Water Board meeting as follows:

Date: February 3, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: (Revised) City of Anaheim 200 S. Anaheim Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92805 (remote participation available)

The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the <u>Santa Ana Water Board's website</u>.

Interested persons may attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. Depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard, the Board Chair

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may impose a time limit for each speaker. The Santa Ana Water Board's <u>agenda</u> for the February 3, 2023, meeting will be available on the Santa Ana Water Board's website at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Please check the Santa Ana Water Board's website for the most up-to-date public hearing date and location, as they are subject to change.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Santa Ana Water Board will accept written comments on the Tentative Order during a 30-day public comment period. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but comments must be received no later than **January 6**, **2023** (Revised).

Written comments can be submitted to <u>SueAnn.Neal@waterboards.ca.gov</u>. Hand deliveries and mailed comments should be sent to the address below:

Attn: SueAnn Neal, Environmental Scientist Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board 3737 Main Street, Suite 500 Riverside, CA 92501

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Please be advised that ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the Tentative Order is scheduled for Board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on **January 20, 2023**. If the Santa Ana Water Board does not take action on February 3, 2023, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Chair, or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated until 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the Tentative Order is available on the "<u>Tentative Orders</u>" page of the Santa Ana Water Board's website.

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the Tentative Order may be made by calling the Santa Ana Water Board at (951) 782-4130.

ACCESSILBILITY

Any person who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in this Santa Ana Water Board meeting should contact Jessica Baenre at (951) 782-3285 or at

jessica.baenre@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than January 25, 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to SueAnn Neal by email at <u>SueAnn.Neal@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (951) 782-4468.