

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 8, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR DISCHARGES OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL

SANTIAGO CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ORANGE COUNTY

TENTATIVE ORDER R8-2026-0042

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 R8-2026-0042 (Tentative Order) to Irvine Ranch Water District (Discharger) for the Santiago Creek Dam Improvement Project (Project).

The Project encompasses the rehabilitation, replacement, and modification of the Santiago Creek Dam outlet tower, spillway facilities, and dam embankment to meet current seismic and safety standards. The Project will result in a maximum of 162.23 acres of temporary impacts and 3.22 acres of permanent impacts to waters of the United States and waters of the States associated with alteration of dam and spillway structures and vegetation impacts caused by dewatering of Irvine Lake.

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: October 23, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: City of Cypress
Address: 5275 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
(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 Santa Ana Water Board's [Remote Participation](#) webpage. For those who do not intend to actively participate, the meeting will be livestreamed via [Cal-Span](#).

PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Such comments will generally be limited to three minutes, though the Board Chair may grant additional time on a case-by-case basis.

The Santa Ana Water Board's agenda for the Board meeting will be available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Agenda](#) webpage at least ten 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 **5:00 p.m. on October 8, 2026**.

Written comments can be submitted to Lauren Morrison via email at Lauren.Morrison@waterboards.ca.gov. Hand deliveries and mailed comments should be sent to the address below:

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

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the Tentative Order is available on the Santa Ana Water Board's [Tentative Orders](#) webpage. 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.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the meeting, or sign language services please use one of the following options at least ten business days before the meeting, if possible:

- Submit an online request: <http://bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm>
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Contact us to request information in your language.

Contáctenos para solicitar información en su idioma.

Liên hệ chúng tôi để yêu cầu thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị.

귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

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Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

请联系我们，以您的语言获取相关信息

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who requires special accommodation to participate in the Santa Ana Water Board hearing should contact RB8-r8boardclerk@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than seven business days prior to the meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Lauren Morrison.

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