



Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 15, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) will hold a public hearing on the Triennial Review of the [Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin](#) (Basin Plan). The Santa Ana Water Board intends to consider adopting a resolution, which if adopted, would approve the Basin Plan review and proposed three-year workplan. The public hearing will commence on the following date and time:

Date: October 25, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, CA 91708
(remote participation available)

Background

The [Santa Ana Region](#) covers parts of San Bernardino County, western Riverside County, and northwestern Orange County. It encompasses the upper and lower Santa Ana River watersheds, the San Jacinto River watershed, and several other small drainage areas. The Basin Plan identifies (1) beneficial uses to be protected; (2) water quality objectives for the reasonable protection of beneficial uses; and (3) a program of implementation for achieving the water quality objectives in the Santa Ana Region.

State and federal regulations¹ require a periodic review and update of the Basin Plan referred to as the triennial review. Through this public process, the Santa Ana Water Board evaluates whether water quality standards should be adopted or revised to

¹ State law requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed Water Code § 13240). Federal law requires water quality standards to be reviewed every three years (Clean Water Act § 303(c)(1)).

protect designated uses and prioritizes potential revisions to water quality standards, and other aspects of the Basin Plan to be addressed over the three-year review cycle.

Public Participation

Santa Ana Water Board staff have prepared a Triennial Review High-Priority and Medium-Priority List of proposed projects for consideration during the fiscal years 2024-2027. The public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments during the public hearing. Interested persons may attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing.

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](#).

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.

Written Public Comment

Public participation is an important aspect of the Basin Plan triennial review. With this notice, the Santa Ana Water Board invites the public and all interested parties to submit comments on the Triennial Review Priority Lists of projects. Written comments will be accepted during the 45-day public comment period from August 15, 2024 - September 30, 2024.

Please submit your comments to Claudia Tenorio at Claudia.Tenorio@waterboards.ca.gov and include "Triennial Review Comments" in the subject line. Comments must be received no later than September 30, 2024. Written comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

Comments may also be mailed to:
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501
Attn: Claudia Tenorio

Availability of Documents:

Interested person(s) may view documents pertaining to the triennial review of the Basin Plan at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/index.htm
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Accessibility

Any person who requires special accommodation to participate in the Santa Ana Water Board hearing should contact Jessica Baenre at (951) 782-3285 no later than October 11, 2024.