



Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 29, 2024

NOTICE OF SOLICITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR

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

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) has initiated the triennial review of the <u>Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River</u> <u>Basin</u> (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan prescribes the water quality standards for ground and surface waters in the <u>Santa Ana Region</u> and includes implementation plans describing the actions necessary to achieve and maintain the water quality standards.

State and federal regulations¹ require a periodic review and update of the Basin Plan referred to as the "triennial" review. The purpose of the triennial review is to identify and prioritize prudent updates and revisions to water quality standards/objectives and other aspects of the Basin Plan. The triennial review assists to identify potential priority issues to be addressed through Basin Plan amendment projects. These projects are referred to as the Triennial Review Priority List.

Santa Ana Water Board staff have prepared a draft Triennial Review High Priority List of proposed projects for consideration during the fiscal years 2024-2027. In addition to the Triennial Review High Priority List, Santa Ana Water Board staff have developed a Medium Priority List for projects, which are unlikely to be completed during this triennial review period because of other high regional priorities.

Solicitation of 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 draft Triennial Review Priority List of projects or any other basin planning issues. Written comments will be accepted during the 30-day public comment period from March 29, 2024 - April 29, 2024.

Submission of Written Comments

Please submit your comments to Claudia Tenorio at <u>Claudia.Tenorio@waterboards.ca.gov</u> and include "Triennial Review Comments" in the subject line. Comments must be received no later than <u>April 29, 2024</u>. Written comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

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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)]. KRISTINE MURRAY, CHAIR | JAYNE JOY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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:

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https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/index.htm

Staff Contact

Comments or questions regarding this notice should be directed to Claudia Tenorio, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (951) 782-4963 or via email:

<u>Claudia.Tenorio@waterboards.ca.gov</u>or, to Kyle Fructuoso, Environmental Scientist, at (951) 320-2028 or <u>Kyle.Fructuoso@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.