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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION TO ESTABLISH TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS AND NITRATE-NITROGEN WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE SAN JACINTO UPPER PRESSURE MANAGEMENT ZONE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin that would establish a total dissolved solids and nitrate-nitrogen water quality objectives and an implementation plan for the San Jacinto Upper Pressure Groundwater Management Zone. The revised objectives and implementation plan will assure that present and anticipated beneficial uses are protected, and that water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state will be maintained. The proposed amendments are thus consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16, "Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California'. The amendments were adopted by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) on October 29, 2010.

The amendment's resolution and attachment are available on the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board's Web site at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water issues/programs/basin plan/bpa tds.shtml

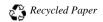
The amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Hope Smythe at (951) 782-4493. The State Water Board will separately publish the agenda item, draft resolution and a notice of the meeting at which it will consider the proposed approval of the amendment.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically. In order to be fully considered, written comments must be received by 12 noon on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. After the deadline, staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted. Please send comments on the proposed State Water Board approval of the amendment to: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email at (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (If less than 15 megabytes in total size), (916) 341-5620 (fax), with the subject "Comment Letter – Upper San Jacinto Pressure Management Zone Maximum Benefit Objectives". Written comments may also be delivered by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail) 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

California Environmental Protection Agency



Incorporation of Comments by Reference: Comments must specifically address the version of the amendments that is currently being considered for approval by the State Water Board. If similar or identical comments were submitted to the Santa Ana Water Board, the commenter must explain why and in what manner each of the responses provided by the Santa Ana Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect. If the comment does not include such an explanation, the State Water Board will presume that the Santa Ana Water Board's response adequately addressed the commenter's concern. The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not include such a statement.

Please direct questions about this notice to Hope Smythe, Senior Environmental Scientist at (951) 782-4493 or hsmythe@waterboards.ca.gov, or David Rice, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5182 or DavidRice@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 8, 2011	Jeanine Townsend
Date	Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board