



State Water Resources Control Board

## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

## PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION TO INCORPORATE THE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS POLICY AND TO INCORPORATE UPDATES TO THE SALT MANAGEMENT PLAN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Santa Ana Water Board) amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin that would incorporate the statewide Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy and updates to Salt Management Plan for the Santa Ana Region (Basin Plan amendments). The Basin Plan amendments were adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board on April 25, 2014, and are available for review at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water\_issues/programs/basin\_plan/salt\_management\_plan.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Hope Smythe at (951) 782-4493.

**REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS.** The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendments. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Santa Ana Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments **must subscribe** to: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/reg8\_subscribe.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/reg8\_subscribe.shtml</a> and check the box for Basin Planning. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Santa Ana Water Board contact identified above.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendments are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by** 12:00 noon on June 23, 2014. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u> (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

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

Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter— Santa Ana Region Salt Management Plan Updates".

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS** (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendments adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board.
- If the Santa Ana Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Santa Ana Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
- 3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Santa Ana Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Santa Ana Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Hope Smythe, Environmental Program Manager at Santa Ana Water Board, at (951) 782-4493 or <u>Hope.Smythe@waterboards.ca.gov</u>. All legal questions should be directed to David Rice, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5182 or <u>David.Rice@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

May 22, 2014

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