

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For
RESOLUTION NO. R8-2006-0042
ORDER NO. R8-2006-0005

For
**INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL WASTE
DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INJECTION/PERCOLATION OF IMPORTED STATE
PROJECT WATER, COLORADO RIVER WATER OR IMPORTED WELL WATER TO RECHARGE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONES WITHIN THE SANTA ANA REGION**

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), proposes to adopt an initial study and negative declaration and issue general waste discharge requirements for the injection/percolation of imported State Project Water, Colorado River water or imported well water to recharge groundwater management zones within the Santa Ana. Region.

The Board is seeking comments concerning the proposed initial study and negative declaration and general waste discharge requirements and the potential effects of the discharges on the water quality and beneficial uses of the affected receiving waters.

The Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed waste discharge requirements as follows:

DATE: May 19, 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: City Council Chambers of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
City of Loma Linda

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Resolution No. R8-2006-0042 and Order No. R8-2006-0005. Interested persons are also invited to attend the public hearing and express their views on issues relating to the proposed Order and submission. Oral statements will be heard, but should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. For the accuracy of the record, all testimony (oral statements) should be submitted in writing.

Although all comments that are provided up to and during the public hearing on this matter will be considered, receipt of comments by May 1, 2006 would be appreciated so that they can be used in the formulation of the draft Order that will be transmitted to the Board two weeks prior to the hearing. The draft Order may contain changes resulting from comments received from the public. To view and/or download a copy of the draft Order, please access our website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana on or after May 8, 2006.

The Board's proposed Order, related documents, and all comments and petitions received may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board office, 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, CA 92501-3348 (phone 951-782-4130) by appointment scheduled between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the proposed Order will be mailed to interested persons upon request to J. Shami (951) 782-3288.

Any person who is physically challenged and requires reasonable accommodation to participate in this Regional Board Meeting should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951) 782-3285 no later than May 8, 2006.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

RESOLUTION NO. R8-2006-0042

Resolution adopting an Initial Study and Negative Declaration regarding the General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Injection/Percolation of Imported State Project Water, Colorado River Water Or Imported Well Water To Recharge Groundwater Management Zones Within The Santa Ana Region – Groundwater Replenishment Projects

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter Board), finds that:

1. Section 13263(i) of the California Water Code requires Regional Boards to prescribe general waste discharge requirements for a category of discharges that meet the following criteria:
 - a. The discharges are produced by the same or similar operations.
 - b. The discharges involve the same or similar types of waste.
 - c. The discharges require the same or similar treatment standards.
 - d. The discharges are more appropriately regulated under general discharge requirements than individual discharge requirements.
2. On March 6, 2006, an Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration regarding the general waste discharge requirements for the injection/percolation of imported State Project Water, Colorado River water or imported well water to recharge groundwater management zones within the Santa Ana Region were filed with the State Clearinghouse and the Clerks of San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties. Action on these documents will be taken in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 15072 through 15075.
3. The Board has reviewed the Initial Study concerning this resolution prepared by the Board staff in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State Guidelines and concurs with the staff findings that a Negative Declaration should be adopted.
4. On May 19, 2006, the Board held a public hearing and considered all the evidence concerning this matter. Notice of this hearing was given to all interested persons in accordance with Title 14, CCR, Section 15072.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region:

1. Adopts the Initial Study and Negative Declaration regarding the General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Injection/Percolation of Imported State Project Water, Colorado River Water Or Imported Well Water To Recharge Groundwater Management Zones Within The Santa Ana Region – Groundwater Replenishment Projects.

I, Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on May 19, 2006.

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer