

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SANTA ANA REGION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and NOTICE OF FILING  
Basin Plan Amendments to Revise Recreation Standards for Inland Fresh Surface Waters  
in the Santa Ana Region**

**Notice is hereby given** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will consider adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan), largely to revise recreational standards for inland fresh surface waters in the Region. The proposed amendments include changes to bacteria quality objectives for inland fresh surface waters based on revised bacteria quality criteria for recreational waters published in 1986 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Other proposed amendments are: add a narrative pathogen objective; change recreation beneficial use designations for specific surface waters based on Use Attainability Analyses; establish conditions for the temporary suspension of recreational standards for freshwaters; delete the Basin Plan bacteria quality objectives to protect MUN use of surface waters; add surface waters not currently listed in the Basin Plan and add appropriate beneficial use designations for these waters; delete two reservoirs no longer in existence; modify the implementation plan to include bacteria quality monitoring and implementation strategies.

Action on the proposed amendments will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exemption under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and in accordance with other applicable laws and regulations.

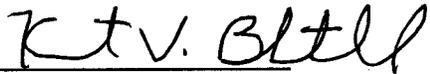
A public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Basin Plan. Changes to the amendments consistent with their general purpose may be considered by the Regional Board at the hearing. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on March 16, 2012 at the following time and location:

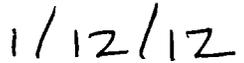
**DATE:** March 16, 2012  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** City of Loma Linda Council Chambers  
25541 Barton Road  
Loma Linda

The proposed Basin Plan amendments, staff report, and Environmental Checklist that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendments, will be available on January 12, 2012. Copies of the proposed amendments, staff report and Environmental Checklist may be obtained from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana> or by request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130. Due to the volume of the documentation, review of the electronic files is strongly encouraged. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951)782-4130.

**Public participation is an important part of this process.** The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit written comments as early as possible in advance of the hearing. Written responses to comments received by **NOON on February 27, 2012** will be prepared. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Dave Woelfel at the Regional Board office address listed above or by e-mail at [dwoelfel@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwoelfel@waterboards.ca.gov). The Regional Board may impose time limits on oral presentations at the hearing. Persons with similar views are encouraged to make joint presentations. Speakers may be required to summarize written testimony.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Dave Woelfel at (951)782-7960 or Joanne Schneider at (951) 782-3287. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board hearing should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951)782-3285 no later than February 24, 2012.

  
Kurt V. Berchtold  
Executive Officer  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

  
Date