

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT SCOPING MEETING**

**FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN (9)
TO INCORPORATE IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS FOR A 'REFERENCE SYSTEM/
ANTIDegradation APPROACH' AND A 'NATURAL SOURCES EXCLUSION
APPROACH' FOR BACTERIA INDICATOR WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES
(BASIN PLAN ISSUE NO. 7)**

WORKSHOP and CEQA SCOPING MEETING

March 13, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Wastewater Department, Auditorium
9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, California 92123

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is considering an amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9)* (Basin Plan) described below. The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under section 13240 of the Water Code. The proposed amendment constitutes a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for which the San Diego Water Board will be the lead agency.

The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter. A public workshop and CEQA scoping meeting will be held on March 13, 2006, beginning at 10:00 am in the City of San Diego's Metropolitan Wastewater Department, Auditorium (see address above). The purpose of the workshop and CEQA scoping meeting is to provide an overview of the proposed amendment, answer questions and receive comments from the public on the proposed amendment and on the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed amendment.

BACKGROUND

The proposed amendment is the result of an investigation of Issue No. 7 on the *Prioritized List of Basin Plan Issues for Investigation from September 2004 to September 2007* (Resolution No. R9-2004-0156, the 2004 Triennial Review). This amendment proposes to incorporate new implementation provisions for the Basin Plan's indicator bacteria objectives for water contact recreation. The San Diego Water Board proposes to authorize implementation of single sample maximum bacteria water quality objectives using either a 'reference system/ antidegradation approach' or a 'natural sources exclusion approach.' The implementation provisions will not replace water quality objectives but rather establish provisions

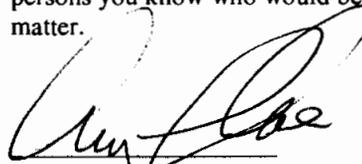
under which exceedances of water quality objectives would be allowed during storm flow conditions. These approaches recognize that there are natural sources of bacteria that may cause or contribute to exceedances of single sample objectives during storm flow events.

Both approaches are designed to ensure bacteriological water quality at least as good as that of a reference site, and to permit no degradation of existing bacteria water quality where existing water quality is better than that of a reference site. A reference site is defined as a beach and/or upstream watershed that are minimally impacted by anthropogenic activities. The 'natural sources exclusion approach' is planned to be designed to ensure that all anthropogenic sources of bacteria are controlled.

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Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons you know who would be interested in this matter.


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