

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

June 5, 2014

To: Municipal Storm Water Interested Persons

Subject: Invitation to Meeting to Discuss Report of Waste Discharge and Enrollment of Orange County Copermittees in the Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit

Storm water and non-storm water discharges from southern Orange County are regulated by Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) permit Order No. R9-2009-0002. Municipalities regulated by Order No. R9-2009-0002 include the County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District and the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano (Orange County Copermittees). Order No. R9-2009-0002 will expire on December 16, 2014, and the Orange County Copermittees have submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) in application for NPDES permit reissuance that summarizes their existing storm water programs and makes recommendations for updates and other modifications to the MS4 permit coverage.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is reviewing the information in the ROWD and considering enrollment of Orange County Copermittees into the Regional NPDES Permit for MS4s Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2013-0001 (Regional MS4 Permit). As discussed below the San Diego Water Board staff will be holding a meeting on **July 1, 2014** with interested stakeholders to discuss the ROWD and enrollment process details.

The Regional MS4 Permit is available on the following webpage:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

The Regional MS4 Permit was adopted by the San Diego Water Board in May 2013 and is an area-wide permit based on the boundaries of the San Diego Region, instead of county political boundaries. Under this approach, the Regional MS4 Permit provides a basis for uniformly regulating all Copermittees in San Diego, Riverside, and southern Orange Counties within the San Diego Water Board's jurisdiction. The Regional MS4 Permit also provides opportunities for a comprehensive monitoring framework, regional collaborative approaches, and regional cost efficiencies among the Copermittees region-wide.

The San Diego County Copermittees are currently regulated by the Regional MS4 Permit. Orange and Riverside County Copermittees will be enrolled in a phased manner as their current MS4 permits expire or upon request for earlier coverage prior to permit expiration. However, as provided in the Regional MS4 Permit, the San Diego Water Board, after opportunity for public comment and a public hearing, will re-open and consider any necessary changes to the Regional MS4 Permit prior to enrollment of the Orange and Riverside County Copermittees. The San Diego Water Board has tentatively scheduled the Orange County Copermittees enrollment in the Regional MS4 Permit for San Diego Water Board consideration at a regularly scheduled public meeting in early 2015.

Representatives of Orange County, Riverside County, and San Diego County Copermittees, Non-government Environmental Organizations, and the Business/Construction/Development Community are invited to attend a meeting with the San Diego Water Board staff on July 1, 2014, to discuss the ROWD and planned enrollment process for the Orange County Copermittees in greater detail.

Details on the meeting time, location and issues to be discussed are provided below.

Meeting Time and Location

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

City of San Juan Capistrano Community Center

25925 Camino Del Avion

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Meeting Objective and Agenda

The objective of the July 1, 2014 meeting is for the San Diego Water Board to facilitate discussion on topic-specific recommended changes to the Regional MS4 Permit described in the ROWD and enrollment of the Orange County Copermittees. The San Diego Water Board is seeking input from the Copermittees, Non-governmental Environmental Organizations, and the Building Business/Construction/Development Community on the following specific topics:

1. **Report of Waste Discharge.** Information and recommendations contained in the ROWD.
2. **Enrollment Process.** The San Diego Water Board's proposed process and schedule for enrollment of the Orange County Copermittees into the Regional MS4 Permit.
3. **Future Stakeholder Meetings.** The San Diego Water Board's proposed schedule of focused meetings, workshops, and public hearings.

Stakeholder Participation at Meeting

Similar to the process used during the development of the Regional MS4 Permit, participation at this meeting will be structured to provide for an appropriate level of participation by key stakeholder groups, while preserving staff's ability to ensure a collaborative discussion on the agenda topics. Meeting participants will be divided into two groups: a limited group to be seated at the meeting table and an audience group. The total number of participants at the meeting table will be limited to twenty-five (25) persons subdivided into representative stakeholder groups as described in the table below. Groups of stakeholders can share their seats at the table and rotate particular topic experts from the audience to the table depending on the topic being discussed.

Stakeholder Group	Participants at the Table
Orange County Copermittees	8
San Diego County Copermittees	3
Riverside County Copermittees	3
Environmental Community	3
Business/Construction/Development Community	3
USEPA	1
San Diego Water Board	4

Ample audience seating will be provided so that interested persons can attend the meeting. Audience members will be allowed to ask questions and make comments at the end of each meeting.

For questions or comments, please contact Laurie Walsh by phone at (619) 521-3373, or by email at laurie.walsh@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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