

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Tentative Investigative Order No. R9-2014-0020 Directing the City of Oceanside to Investigate and Perform Source Analysis and Monitoring of Waters Causing Impairment of Loma Alta Slough, Oceanside, California, and to Implement the Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load for Loma Alta Slough Established in the Order

Public Workshop

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Board) will hold a public workshop to provide information and receive public input on a tentative Investigative Order (Tentative Order) proposed to be issued to the City of Oceanside (City). Its purpose is to require the City to determine the sources of non-storm water flow and illicit discharges carrying nutrients through the City's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) into Loma Alta Slough (Slough) and to evaluate the effectiveness of the City's efforts to achieve the Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Slough established in the Tentative Order. The workshop is scheduled for:

April 2, 2014, 9:00 A.M. to Noon
San Diego Water Board, Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100; San Diego, California 92108

At the workshop, staff will give an overview of the Tentative Order and TMDL Report and will receive your comments and questions. Staff would like to hear comments about the Tentative Order and TMDL Report and ideas for improvement. A quorum of Board members may be present at the workshop but no action will be taken. Because the TMDL implementation plan is proposed to be adopted in a single regulatory action through issuance of the Tentative Order, a Basin Plan amendment process to adopt the TMDL is unnecessary.

Background

The Slough is on the Clean Water Act section 303 (d) list of water quality limited segments. The listed impairment is eutrophication with phosphorus being the causative pollutant. As such, the Board must establish a TMDL for phosphorus that, when achieved, the Slough will meet the applicable water quality standard. The TMDL set forth in the Tentative Order was developed using numeric targets identified through a stakeholder process. Available data suggest that the source of the impairment is non-storm water and illicit discharges entering the MS4 and ultimately the Slough. The TMDL implementation plan relies on the City's compliance with existing prohibitions in the Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order No. R9-2013-0001). The Tentative Order describes the level of investigation necessary to 1) identify non-storm water

and illicit discharges and determine the degree to which groundwater contributes to the impairment, and 2) evaluate the environmental outcomes in the Slough of the City's actions to comply with the Municipal Storm Water Permit prohibitions and achieve the TMDL.

Document Availability

The Tentative Order and TMDL Report will be made available to the public approximately 10 days prior to the workshop at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego> and via email (please see below). A public review period will be announced at that time. Input received at the workshop or during the review period will be considered by staff in the development of a final Tentative Order, which is scheduled for Board consideration in June 2014. Staff anticipates preparing a summary of significant comments received during the public review process for the Tentative Order in advance of Board consideration.

Electronic Mailing List

The Tentative Order will be sent to those subscribed to the Board's electronic mailing lists for the Loma Alta Slough TMDL and Board Meetings. Those who were forwarded this notice and want to receive the Tentative Order via email can subscribe to the list directly at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml

Directions and Parking

For directions to the San Diego Water Board, please refer to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/contact_us/. Two-hour free parking is available on a first-come first-serve basis, and long term fee parking is available in an adjacent parking structure. The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. The facility is also accessible via public transit. Persons requiring additional accommodations should contact Chris Blank at chris.blank@waterboards.ca.gov or 619-521-3382 at least five (5) days prior to the workshop.

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