

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED
Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting for
LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON SEDIMENTATION
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project**

February 15, 2011 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**San Diego Water Board-Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING
MEETING**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has rescheduled the Public Workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project addressing sedimentation in the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon (Lagoon). The Workshop has been postponed from January 20, 2011 and rescheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: San Diego Water Board Office
Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

The Tijuana River and Estuary TMDL Workshop is NOT rescheduled and will be conducted as scheduled on January 20, 2011 in the afternoon.

Although members of the San Diego Water Board may be present, no Board actions will be taken at this meeting.

Purpose of the Public Workshop

The purpose of the Public Workshop is to provide information, answer questions, and receive early public input on the TMDL project. Specifically participants will be provided with (1) an explanation and understanding of the TMDL project under development; and (2) an opportunity to comment on the project.

Purpose of the CEQA Scoping Meeting

The purpose of the CEQA Scoping Meeting is to provide participants with an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the environmental analysis and environmental documentation for the project to be prepared

pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State Water Resources Control Board's certified regulatory program for Basin Planning (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15251; and Title 23, Section 3775 et seq.)

Interested persons are specifically requested to provide information about:

- Methods the responsible parties would foreseeably use to comply with the TMDL;
- Reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
- Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (significance) of the impacts;
- Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts; and
- Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance.

Public Comments

Public participation and input is an important part of the TMDL process and is strongly encouraged. The Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping Meeting affords the opportunity for the public to provide input early in the process before important project plans and decisions have been made. The public is encouraged to submit comments on (1) the TMDL project as a whole; and (2) the scope and content of the CEQA environmental analysis. CEQA comments should be focused on the information specified in the five bullets above.

Staff will not prepare written responses to comments received at this time, but will carefully

consider each comment during the development of the project and the environmental documentation. In order for staff to consider comments for this purpose, please submit comments before, during, and up to two weeks following the February 15, 2011 Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping Meeting i.e., comments are requested no later than March 1, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

San Diego Water Board staff will provide individual written responses to all written comments received during the formal Public Review and Comment Period which is conducted later in the process in preparation for the San Diego Water Board public hearing on the project.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) requires States to develop a list of waterbodies which do not, or are not expected to, meet water quality standards after implementing technology based controls. CWA section 303(d) requires States to identify these impaired waters and develop TMDL for such waters. The purpose of a TMDL is to restore the waterbodies' beneficial uses and attain water quality objectives, i.e., to achieve applicable water quality standards.

The Lagoon is impaired due to sediment-associated impacts. The Lagoon is not meeting the water quality objective for sediment. As a result, numerous beneficial uses are impaired, primarily those associated with protection of aquatic life (e.g., Estuarine, Marine Life Habitat, and Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance, etc.). In response to this contamination, the San Diego Water Board has initiated efforts to develop a TMDL for the Lagoon.

This Project will allocate the pollutant loading capacity (the TMDL) and establish an Implementation Plan to control discharges of sediment such that (1) the beneficial uses in the Lagoon will be restored; and (2) the Lagoon will once again attain applicable water quality objectives.

INFORMATION

For questions regarding this notice, please contact San Diego Water Board staff Ms. Cathryn Henning at (858) 636-3161, or at chenning@waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring this Notice to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in this matter.

The Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping Meeting will be conducted at: San Diego Water Board, 9174 Sky Park Court Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123-4340, phone number (858) 467-2952, website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego

Parking is available at the workshop location. A map with directions to the workshop may be obtained from the San Diego Water Board's website or by contacting Ms. Lori Costa at the phone number below.

The Board Room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to the public workshop. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.



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Date: January 6, 2011