

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate SEDIMENT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) for LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON

PUBLIC HEARING

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday June 8, 2011

San Diego Water Board Hearing Room

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego, California 92123

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is considering a Basin Plan amendment to incorporate a Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. This action is being proposed to meet requirements of section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under section 13240 of the California Water Code. The Basin Plan amendment will be a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the San Diego Water Board will be the lead agency. The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter.

FILING OF SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Action on the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be taken in accordance with a certified regulatory program which is exempt, under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code, from the requirement to prepare environmental documents under the CEQA [Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*] and other applicable laws and regulations. In compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board's CEQA implementation regulations [23 CCR 3720 *et seq.*], the San Diego Water Board has prepared a draft Basin Plan Amendment, draft Resolution, draft Staff Report and Environmental Checklist for this project [23 CCR 3776]. Collectively known as the "Substitute Environmental Documents," these documents will be available for review by close of business on Friday, April 22, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public hearing on June 8, 2011 to deliberate and consider adoption of the Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate a Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load for Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Documents related to this matter will be available on April 22, 2011, and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or online at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>. For additional information please contact Ms. Cathryn Henning at (858) 636-3161.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The formal public comment period will begin on Friday, April 22, 2011 and will end on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 (a total of 47 days). Interested persons are requested to submit written comments on the available documents and/or attend the hearing to present testimony. Oral statements will be heard at the hearing, but for accuracy, written testimony is strongly encouraged.

Submittal of written comments is requested no later than Monday, May 23, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Comments submitted by May 23, 2011 will be responded to in writing and provided to the San Diego Water Board members in advance of the public hearing. Written comments submitted after May 23, 2011 will be responded to during the public hearing. Comments should be submitted in MS WORD or pdf format via email to: chenning@waterboards.ca.gov. Electronic comments are encouraged. Comments on paper should be submitted to:

Ms. Cathryn Henning
California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
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9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Directions to the hearing location are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about_us/. On-site parking is available, and the hearing 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 June 8, 2011 hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Ms. Cathryn Henning.


David W. Gibson
Executive Officer
April 18, 2011