
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM¹

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (San Diego Water Board) will hold its first Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities (Environmental Justice Communities) Symposium on Saturday, June 10, in Barrio Logan.

This Environmental Justice Symposium will consist of a day-long “Open Mic–Listening Session” and its purpose is to provide an opportunity for the community to voice water quality concerns directly to the San Diego Water Board Members. The Environmental Justice Symposium will commence at the following time and location:

Saturday, June 10, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Cesar E. Chavez Campus – Barrio Logan
1901 Main Street, San Diego, California 92113

Simultaneous Spanish Translation will be Provided

We know that members of underserved communities have numerous water quality concerns, including safety of drinking water, consumption of San Diego Bay fish and shellfish, cleanup and removal of contaminated sediment from San Diego Bay, the US/Mexico Border sewage contamination issues and urban creek restoration efforts. We also know that it is often difficult for members of these communities to participate in our meetings during our regular business hours.

It is for that reason that the San Diego Water Board is bringing this “Open Mic-Listening Session” opportunity to Barrio Logan, at a location, date, and time that is convenient for local community members. We want to encourage community members to take advantage of this unique opportunity, to help us get the word out to their families, friends, neighborhood and faith-based groups, and to come and voice their water quality concerns directly to the San Diego Water Board Members.

Although the highlight of the Environmental Justice Symposium is the Open-Mic-Listening Session, we will also be hosting a concurrent “Open House–Learning Area.” Our water quality experts will be on hand to answer questions, along with experts from the Office of Drinking Water, and representatives from several Environmental Justice

¹ A quorum of Board Members may be present but no actions will be taken at this Symposium.

devoted non-governmental organizations. The Open House -- Learning Area will open at 9:00 a.m.

We also have several important and relevant speakers lined up to make very brief remarks and to hear community concerns. Refreshments and children's activities will be provided. Please check the Board's website for any updated information as the date nears.

RSVP AND CONTACT INFORMATION

To help us prepare and estimate attendance, we ask that you please RSVP via email with the number of people attending in your group. Please RSVP to Executive Assistant, Chris Blank at Christina.Blank@waterboards.ca.gov or 619-521-3382.

For questions and more information about the Environmental Justice Symposium, visit our webpage at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/press_room/community_outreach. You may also contact Deborah S. Jayne, Senior Environmental Scientist and Outreach Coordinator at Deborah.Jayne@waterboards.ca.gov or 619-521-8050.