

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing the Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0029, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations in the San Diego Region* (Tentative Order) for public comment.

The Tentative Order updates and consolidates existing waste discharge requirements adopted by the San Diego Water Board in Order No. R9-2016-0004, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers that are Members of a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region*, and Order No. R9-2016-0005, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers Not Participating in a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region*.

The purpose of the public workshop is for the San Diego Water Board staff to discuss the proposed changes to existing waste discharge requirements and receive comments from Board members, stakeholders, and interested members of the public.

Stakeholders and interested members of the public, who provide oral comments at the workshop, are encouraged to submit their comments as written comments by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024**, to facilitate their consideration and incorporation into the record.

Public Workshop Schedule and Location

The San Diego Water Board will conduct the public workshop during a regularly scheduled board meeting, at the following time and location:

**April 10, 2024, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Rancho California Water District Office
42135 Winchester Road
Temecula, CA 92590**

This meeting will have an option for stakeholders and interested members of the public to participate from a remote location. Members of the public who wish to observe or to address the San Diego Water Board may do so in person at the Rancho California Water District's office or may participate remotely via Zoom by completing the form linked below.

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FUu1YVKSla05TumVCJDGQ#/registration.

Members of the public who only wish to watch the meeting and will not comment or present on an item, the webcast is available at either:

- YouTube Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqNrakO7P-8>, or
- California Environmental Protection Agency, Public Meeting Live Webcasts at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov>.

Additional information about participating remotely is available here:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/remote_meeting/.

The *Meeting Notice and Agenda*, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at the following webpage:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings are found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647, et seq., and are available upon request. The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The *Meeting Notice and Agenda* for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

Document Availability

The Tentative Order will be available online on March 27, 2024:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Interested parties may receive copies of the Tentative Order by contacting Abigail Pashina by phone at (619) 521-3379 or by email at Abigail.Pashina@waterboards.ca.gov or by visiting the San Diego Water Board office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Submission of Written Comments

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order in accordance with this notice.

The written comment period provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the Tentative Order. All written comments regarding the Tentative Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024**, to be considered by the San Diego Water Board. Written comments sent by mail must be addressed to California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, and ATTN: Abigail Pashina. Comments may be submitted by email to: sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. The subject

line of all written comments must include “Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0029.”

The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024**, will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review in advance of the public hearing to consider the adoption of the Tentative Order. San Diego Water Board staff will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received.

Consistent with State Water Resource Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024**, will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Electronic Mailing List

The San Diego Water Board established an email list specifically for its Commercial Agriculture Regulatory Program. The San Diego Water Board uses the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of online documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to the email list titled “Agriculture and Nurseries,” located under “Special Topics” at the following link:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=san_diego

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Cailynn Smith by phone at (619) 521-3380 or email at Cailynn.Smith@waterboards.ca.gov or Abigail Pashina by phone at (619) 521-3379 or email at Abigail.Pashina@waterboards.ca.gov for additional information regarding the public workshop or the public comment period. Please share this information with any person who would be interested in this matter.

Date of Notice: March 11, 2024