
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 15, 2015

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**STAKEHOLDER MEETING:
2015 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN – SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN (BASIN PLAN)**

To Solicit Comments on the Draft Priority List of Basin Planning Issues to be
Considered during the Next 3 Years

WHEN: June 18, 2015 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE: SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY (SAWPA), 11615
STERLING AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503**

The Regional Board is beginning the 2015 triennial review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan). The last triennial review of the Basin Plan was initiated in December 2006. Work on various Basin Plan issues has proceeded since that time.

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Division 7 of the California Water Code), and the Federal Clean Water Act both mandate periodic review of water quality control plans. Section 1340 of the Water Code requires, “Each regional board shall formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the region... *Such plans shall be periodically reviewed and may be revised.*” Section 303 (c) (1) of the Federal Clean Water Act requires, “...the water pollution control agency of such State shall from time to time (*but at least once each three period*) hold public hearings for the purpose of reviewing applicable water quality standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards.” Because the review mandated by the Clean Water Act is to take place every three years, it is termed a “Triennial Review”.

Regional Board staff have identified a number of Basin Plan issues that should be considered over the next three years, including some issues that remain from earlier triennial reviews. These issues are shown on a priority list and described in a “Description of Issues” document. These documents can be found at the Regional Board’s web site at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/index.shtml

As you will see, the triennial review list is quite extensive. The resources needed to complete the work identified exceeds the resources available. Accordingly, staff has

listed the items in proposed priority order. In general, the issues included on the approved Triennial Review Priority List will be addressed as resources become available.

Regional Board staff will hold a public meeting to solicit public comments on and recommendations for changes to this list, including the addition or deletion of issues and their priority on the list. The public meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2015, at the place and time show above. This meeting will be followed by a Regional Board public hearing, tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2015, at which the Regional Board will be asked to consider adoption of the Triennial Review list.

Review of the issues on the approved Triennial Review list may or may not result in an amendment to the Basin Plan. The need for a Basin Plan amendment will be determined by staff investigation following the Regional Board's placement of a particular issue on the Triennial Review Priority List.

We welcome your review of and comments on the issues proposed for the 2015 Triennial Review. Information about Basin Plan issues that have not been included on the draft list, or that would provide a more complete understanding of a particular issue, is also welcomed. Submittal of comments and any supporting documentation by e-mail is encouraged. Receipt of written comments and recommendations prior to the June 18, 2015 meeting would be appreciated.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Dave Woelfel, Environmental Scientist, at (951) 782-7960 or david.woelfel@waterboards.ca.gov or Wanda Cross, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (951) 782-3234 or Wanda.Cross@waterboards.ca.gov.