

Environmental Protection

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region

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## NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Santa Ana River Basin to Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Site-Specific Objectives (SSOs) for Selenium in the San Diego Creek/Newport Bay Watershed, and to Revise the Basin Plan Narrative Water Quality Objectives for Toxic Substances

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, staff will hold a CEQA scoping meeting pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9. The scoping meeting will provide participants the opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" substitute environmental documents that will be prepared in support of the Basin Plan amendments. The substitute environmental documents will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to Certified Regulatory Programs (Title 23, Section 3775 et seq.).

The proposed Basin Plan amendments would involve:

- Establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for selenium in the San Diego Creek and Newport Bay Watersheds including Peters Canyon Wash, San Diego Creek Reach 1, Santa Ana Delhi Channel, Big Canyon Wash, and Upper Newport Bay
- Establishment of Site-Specific Objectives (SSOs) for selenium in the San Diego Creek/Newport Bay Watershed
- Revision of the Basin Plan Narrative Water Quality Objectives for Toxic Substances

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to provide a forum for early public consultation on the development of the proposed Basin Plan amendments. This consultation will assist the Regional Board in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental effects to be analyzed prior to the decision-making process. A draft project description will be available on the Santa Ana Regional Board web site no later than November 3, 2008 (go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water issues/programs/tmdl/index.shtml).

The scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

DATE: November 20, 2008 TIME: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Irvine Ranch Water District

Michelson Operations Center, Multipurpose Room

Riparian View Road (1/4 mile west of Michelson Avenue)

Irvine, CA 92612

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Jim Hyde (949) 453-5866 no later than 10 days before the scheduled meeting.

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