



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Samuel Unger, P.E. *SU*  
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**DATE:** August 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, LOS ANGELES REGION TO SUBDIVIDE REACH 4 OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER**

On November 1, 2007, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider a proposed amendment to subdivide Reach 4 of the Santa Clara River as two separate reaches. A public hearing for this item is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., at the Simi Valley City Hall, Council Chambers; 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California.

A copy of the Staff Report for subdividing Reach 4 of the Santa Clara River is posted on the Regional Board's web page. The web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/bpaRes/bpa.html>. Please contact Yanjie Chu at 213-576-6681 or Sam Unger at 213-576-6622 with questions or to request additional copies of the staff report and related materials. At the public hearing, the public will have opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment.

Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible. Time limitations on presentations may be imposed by the board chair. In order to review and to assess comments, the Regional Board staff must receive written comments no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 11, 2007**.

Comments should be submitted to:

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ATTN: Yanjie Chu

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## Background

This proposed action is part of the Upper Santa Clara River (USCR) chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan which was adopted by the Regional Board on August 3, 2006 and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on May 22, 2007. The TMDL includes special studies to determine the chloride threshold levels for salt-sensitive crops and endangered and threatened species, and the chloride loading from surface water to underlying groundwater basins. The Regional Board reconsideration of a site specific objective (SSO) for chloride is scheduled for May 2008 when the results of special studies and an antidegradation analysis are available. Subdivision of Reach 4 of the Santa Clara River is the first of several administrative actions that the Regional Board may consider to implement the TMDL and this proposed action itself does not modify water quality objectives for chloride nor adopt a SSO.

Staff developed two alternatives for Regional Board consideration, including a no-action alternative that maintains the present reach definition, and an alternative that divides Reach 4 of SCR into two separate reaches at the confluence of Piru Creek. The proposed alternative to divide Reach 4 into two reaches will allow the development of more geographically precise SSOs in the future, if necessary. This proposed action is based on current understanding of the water quality differences and chloride levels between the western and eastern portions of Reach 4 due to the alterations to land uses and waste discharges within the USCR watershed that have taken place over the past several decades.