
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF INTENT

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTION OF A GENERAL ORDER FOR RECYCLED WATER USE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public meeting to receive public comments on proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Recycled Water Use (General Order) and an associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Negative Declaration (Negative Declaration). The State Water Board may adopt the General Order and approve the Negative Declaration at the end of the meeting. The location and time of the public meeting is provided below.

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is preparing a General Order that will be used by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to streamline permitting of recycled water uses that typically are a relatively low threat to water quality. Recycled water is water which, as a result of treatment of waste, is suitable for reuse that would not otherwise occur.

The source of recycled water is primarily treated domestic wastewater. The General Order does not authorize direct or indirect potable uses of recycled water, but will authorize use of recycled water for beneficial uses such as irrigation of crops, dust control, and certain industrial processes. The General Order will allow the use of recycled water that would meet the water recycling regulations and reuse criteria specified in the California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4, chapter 3 (title 22), with the exception of groundwater recharge activities. Title 22, prescribes water recycling and reuse criteria protective of public health. When recycled water is used in compliance with the title 22, recycled water is safe for approved uses.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The proposed General Order and Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal/waste_discharge_requirements.shtml. For those without Internet access, please contact David Balgobin at (916) 341-6914 or david.balgobin@waterboards.ca.gov to obtain the documents.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed General Order and Initial Study/Negative Declaration. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on May 27, 2014** and be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically (e-mail), by facsimile, U.S. Mail, or courier. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line:

“Comment Letter – General Order WDRs for Recycled Water Use and/or Negative Declaration and Initial Study.”

Electronic submittals shall be in pdf text format (less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. U.S. Mail must be received (not postmarked) at the State Water Board offices by the close of the comment period; the mail address is presented above. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At this meeting, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Cal/EPA Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

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A web broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.


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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the proposed General Order and/or Initial Study/Negative Declaration documents to David Balgobin by telephone at (916) 341-6914 or by email at david.balgobin@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 25, 2014

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board