
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FILING¹
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STATEWIDE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS TO
CONTROL TRASH
AND THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT, INCLUDING THE DRAFT SUBSTITUTE
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Proposed Amendments to Statewide Water Quality Control Plans to Control Trash (proposed Trash Amendments) and the Draft Staff Report, including the Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public workshop to provide information and answer questions from the public on the proposed Trash Amendments and the Draft Staff Report, including the Draft SED. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken.

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public input and comments on the proposed Trash Amendments and the Draft Staff Report, including the Draft SED. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken.

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

¹ Notice of Filing submitted under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.

BACKGROUND

Trash is a significant pollutant of California's waters that adversely affects beneficial uses, including but not limited to uses that support aquatic life, wildlife, and public health. There is a need for a consistent statewide approach to controlling trash discharges into waters of the state. The State Water Board proposes to adopt the Trash Amendments into the forthcoming Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California (ISWEBE Plan), and the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan). The provisions in the proposed Trash Amendments include the following six elements: (1) a water quality objective, (2) a prohibition of discharge, (3) implementation provisions, (4) a time schedule, (5) time extension option for State Water Board consideration, and (6) monitoring and reporting requirements. The project objective for the proposed Trash Amendments is to provide statewide consistency for the Water Boards' regulatory approach to protect aquatic life and public health beneficial uses, and reduce environmental issues associated with trash in state waters, while focusing limited resources on high trash generating areas.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Trash Amendments to the Ocean Plan and ISWEBE Plan and the Draft Staff Report are available on the State Water Board's Web site at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/trash_control/documentation.shtml.

Additional information on the hearing in Sacramento can be found at the State Water Board's Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed Trash Amendment. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on August 5, 2014** and 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, in pdf text format (if 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. Please indicate the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Trash Amendments.**"

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the August 5th public hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. At the hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to:

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

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

This is to advise that the State Water Board is proposing to adopt or amend the Ocean Plan and the forthcoming ISWEBE Plan in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES


The State Water Board will hold the public workshop and public hearing at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public workshop and public hearing will be noticed on the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Proposed Trash Amendment, including any changes to the notice of public hearing and consideration of adoption, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for the Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, select the box for 'Trash Plan' (located within the section entitled 'Water Quality Topics'), and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ms. Johanna Weston at (916) 327-8117 (Johanna.Weston@waterboards.ca.gov).

June 10, 2014
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board