

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

PROPOSED STATEWIDE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS GENERAL ORDER REISSUANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold a public workshop to provide interested parties an overview of the proposed General Order, including proposed revisions in response to public comments received during the January 31, 2022 through April 8, 2022 public comment period.

The public workshop will be held remotely as follows:

Monday, November 14, 2022; 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Video and Teleconference Only

No Physical Meeting Location

[Zoom Registration Link:](#)

(<https://forms.office.com/g/LG1C9qbAV6>)

Video Broadcast: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

A quorum of the State Water Board may attend the public workshop; however, no State Water Board action will be taken during the workshop.

Participants are encouraged to view the workshop through the above video broadcast unless intending to ask questions during the workshop. Participants who intend to ask questions during the workshop should register in advance using the Zoom Registration Link above.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider the adoption of the proposed General Order at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022; 9:30 a.m.

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor

Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building

1001 I Street, Sacramento

And via Video and Teleconference

(As authorized by Government Code section 11133)

Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur at a physical meeting location with an option to participate from a remote location.

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- For members of the public who wish to only watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/. Information updates will be available at this website at least 10 days before the meeting.

Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list, as described below under “FUTURE NOTICES”, page 4.

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the State Water Board adopted the first Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems General Waste Discharge Requirements. Through the statewide General Order, the State Water Board regulates approximately 1,100 public sanitary sewer systems, greater than one mile in length, statewide. The Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) enforce the General Order.

Staff developed a draft Order reissuance to update the existing 16-year-old General Order. In January 2022, staff issued the draft Order for a 60-day public comment period; In February, staff held two public workshops to explain the draft Order requirements. The State Water Board held a public workshop in March 2022 to hear stakeholder feedback on the draft Order.

The proposed statewide General Order reissuance:

- Clarifies that the statewide waste discharge requirements are applicable to waters of the State, including surface waters and groundwater.
- Regulates private systems of any size and public systems less than one mile in length, per the discretion of a Regional Water Board.
- Includes a new prohibition of any discharge of sewage from a sanitary sewer system that has the potential to discharge to waters of the State unless promptly cleaned up.
- Expands on prioritization of system-specific management, operations, and maintenance activities to address system resilience.
- Addresses underground sewage exfiltration from a sanitary sewer system.
- Requires sewer system owners to coordinate with stormwater, drinking water, and other utility agencies for planning and emergency spill response.
- Reduces frequency of Sewer System Management Plan and subsequent updates, from five years to six years.
- Reduces frequency for local internal audits from once every two years to once every three years.
- Reduces timeframe for water quality sampling of a surface water receiving a spill of 50,000 gallons or greater, from 48 hours to 12 hours.

- Reduces reporting requirements of less-than-50-gallon sewage spills, from monthly to quarterly.
- Requires annual submittal of system performance graphs.
- Adds new requirement for submittal of electronic sewer system service area boundary maps.
- Implements full electronic reporting through the California Integrated Water Quality System.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order and Response to Comments document are available on the [State Water Board Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ssol/)

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the State Water Board public meeting for Board consideration of adoption, 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 provide oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient Board meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time limited.

Participants planning to use a Power Point presentation during the December 6, 2022 Board meeting must submit the file electronically, in .ppt. format, to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday December 1, 2022. Please indicate in the subject line “Power Point Presentation – Proposed Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order.”

Presentation recommendations are available at the [State Water Board presentations page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml).

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT

This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in a [Memo from the Office of the Chief Counsel](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf). Any communications between interested persons and Board members (other than at a noticed Board meeting or submitted in compliance with a public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. A sample disclosure form is available on the [State Water Board General Order Disclosure Form](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/ExParteGeneralOrderForm.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/ExParteGeneralOrderForm.pdf)

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order reissuance, including any changes to the format, location, date or time of the public staff workshop or Board meeting, should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list as follows:

- (1) Access the [State Water Board email subscription web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)

- (2) Click the "Water Quality" tab
- (3) Check the box for "Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program Order Review"
- (4) Fill in the required signup details, and
- (5) Press the "Subscribe" button

ACCESSIBILITY

The meetings will be offered in English. To request other language interpretation or other accommodation, please submit your request at least 7 business days before the Board meeting (by Tuesday, November 29, 2022) by contacting Steve Cheung at Steve.Cheung@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have limitations hearing or speaking, you may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (teletypewriter) or (800) 735-2922 (voice).

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

All visitors to the CalEPA 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions regarding this notice or requests for a paper copy of the proposed statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order reissuance to Steve Cheung at Steve.Cheung@waterboards.ca.gov.

October 28, 2022

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board