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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC BOARD HEARING ON A REVISED DRAFT WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR STANDARDIZED COST REPORTING IN MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMITS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED** by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on the Revised Draft Water Quality Control Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits (Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy) and the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy Staff Report (Staff Report).

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Copies of the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report will be posted on the State Water Board's [website](#) on or before **May 9, 2024**. The public will also be notified of the release of the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report through the e-mail distribution list as provided below.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** All written comments must be received by the State Water Board by no later than **12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 25, 2024**. Comment letters received after this time and date will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Address comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board. Please indicate in the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy**".

Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Board Clerk via e-mail at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in size, then the written comments may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery or mail to:

**Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)**

Couriers delivering a hard copy of a comment letter must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

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**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that State Water Board will hold a public hearing at which staff will present information and receive public input on the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report.

The date, time, and location for the public hearing are provided below:

**PUBLIC BOARD HEARING**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - 9:00 am**  
**Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor**  
**Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Building**  
**1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**  
**And via Video and Teleconference**

A quorum of the State Water Board will attend the public hearing; however, no State Water Board action will be taken on the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy at the hearing.

**POLICY OVERVIEW:** The Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) staff released a Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy in August 2023 that proposed a statewide cost reporting framework for Phase I and traditional Phase II MS4 permittees (Permittees). If adopted, the policy would require Permittees to use a list of standardized cost categories to track their MS4 permit implementation costs. In addition, the policy would require Permittees to report annual expenditures for implementing their MS4 permits. The goal of the proposed policy is to increase the understanding of costs associated with various MS4 permit elements and inform future permit requirements. Staff released a draft policy on August 17, 2023, for a 45-day public comment period. Staff also conducted a 6-month beta test, from May 1 to November 15, 2023, of the proposed cost reporting framework where 11 MS4 Permittees participated and provided detailed feedback. Staff revised the draft policy based on the first round of public comments, feedback from the beta test participants, and additional outreach and engagement with interested parties. Staff will release a Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy on May 9, 2024, for a second round of public comments, which will be due by noon on June 25, 2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING OVERVIEW:** During the Board hearing, STORMS staff will present an overview of the proposed Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and standardized cost categories for reporting MS4 permit implementation costs, guidance on cost tracking and accounting, and reporting of cost data. The hearing will include opportunities for public input. To ensure all interested parties have an opportunity to participate, the Board Chair may limit the time allowed for each speaker.

**PUBLIC HEARING PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public interested in joining the public hearing or providing oral comments, please follow [the remote participation guidelines](#). For in-person participation, please reference the [State Water Board Information and Calendar webpage](#) and information in the “DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY” section below.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS:** The State Water Board will make the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report available and hold the public hearing at the times and place noted above to provide an opportunity for public comment. Any change to the items noticed above will be noticed through the below-identified e-mail distribution lists, and on the State Water Board’s webpages.

Any person desiring to receive future notices must subscribe to the e-mail distribution list located on the [Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater website](#) (click on the “Stay Informed” button to subscribe).

**DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY:** The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5572 at least 10 business days before the meeting. Individuals who have limitations hearing or speaking may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (teletypewriter) or (800) 735-2922 (voice).

The meetings in this notice will be offered in English. To request other language interpretation or other accommodation, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting date by contacting program staff at [STORMS@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:STORMS@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line “Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy Language Services”.

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 20 minutes to receive security clearance.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please direct questions regarding this notice, the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report to Amanda Magee, Senior Engineering Geologist at [Amanda.Magee@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.Magee@waterboards.ca.gov), or Nabiul Afroz, Water Resource Control Engineer at [Nabiul.Afroz@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nabiul.Afroz@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date April 2, 2024

  
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Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board