

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2019-20 (FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2019) INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) FOR THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) AND REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND (SCGF) PROGRAM (SCGF GUIDELINES)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider adopting the IUP for the CWSRF program and revised SCGF Guidelines as early as the Tuesday, June 18, 2019 Board Meeting.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) will hold a webcasted public workshop on April 30, 2019. The purpose of the workshop will be to provide an overview of the CWSRF IUP and to receive public input regarding the draft IUP.

BACKGROUND

The CWSRF program provides low-cost financing statewide for wastewater treatment and recycling, non-point source, estuary, storm water, and combined sewer system projects. The SCGF program supplements the CWSRF program, providing grants through Proposition 1, Proposition 68, and other sources to small disadvantaged communities and small severely disadvantaged communities for wastewater projects.

The CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for the CWSRF and the associated funding programs for state fiscal year (SFY) 2019-20, including revised SCGF Guidelines. It specifically identifies the available funding, the projects eligible for financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the programs' performance.

The IUP is required by federal statutes and regulations and will be included in the application submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the FFY 2019 Capitalization Grant. The SCGF Guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 are required by those voter-approved propositions.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft IUP is available for review on the State Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/docs/2019_20_cwsrf_iup_final_draft.pdf.

(To receive email notifications about future IUPs and other information related to the CWSRF and its associated programs, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.)

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed SFY 2019-20 (FFY 2019) CWSRF IUP. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter – June 18, 2019 Board Meeting – SFY 2019-20 (FFY 2019) CWSRF IUP**". Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on May 27, 2019** and should be addressed to:

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

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted written materials.

WORKSHOP/WEBCAST

The workshop/webcast is for informational purposes and no formal action will be taken. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take formal action at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

The workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide oral comments to the State Water Board staff on the draft IUP. The date, time, and location of the workshop is:

Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Board Meeting Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

You may also participate in the workshop via webcast. A broadcast will be available at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. To view the Webcast, click on the link and then on the video icon under the corresponding date and event. Please note that the link to the webcast will be available a few minutes before the workshop begins. You may submit questions online during the live Webcast via email. For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Elisabeth Brown at (916) 341-5375 or Elisabeth.Brown@waterboards.ca.gov or Elnaz Nasaei at (916) 319-9283 or Elnaz.Nasaei@waterboards.ca.gov.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

If the Board adopts the SFY 2019-20 (FFY 2019) CWSRF IUP, the adopted IUP will be submitted to the U.S. EPA as part of the Board's application for the FFY 2019 Capitalization Grant.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY


For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the website: <https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5261 at least five 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; it can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. 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 security clearance.

The Rancho Cordova Office of the Central Valley Regional Water Board is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Jacqueline Matthews at jacqueline.matthews@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 224-3249 at least five working days prior to the workshop date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Romana Wortell at (916) 449-5552 or CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 26, 2019
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board