
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING,
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND ADOPTION MEETING**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PERMIT FOR
STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM
SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)
(IMPLEMENTING REGION-SPECIFIC TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REQUIREMENTS)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comment on the proposed amendment to the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small MS4s (Small MS4 General Permit). The proposed amendment to the existing Small MS4 General Permit addresses the implementation of 73 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

The State Water Board will hold a public hearing on this matter on:

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

The State Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Small MS4 General Permit amendment on:

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The State Water Board adopted the Small MS4 General Permit (Order 2013-0001-DWQ) on February 5, 2013. Through sections E.15.c and F.5.i.3 of the Small MS4 General Permit, the State Water Board directed the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to review Attachment G –Region-Specific Requirements, and propose revisions to implement existing TMDL requirements. State Water Board staff developed the proposed amendment based on Regional Water Board staff recommendations and small MS4 permittee feedback. The proposed amendment revises the TMDL implementation requirements in Attachment G and modifies the corresponding Findings, Provisions, and Fact Sheet of the Small MS4 General Permit accordingly. The proposed amendment additionally makes a revision to the annual reporting program to add a due date for submission of the annual reports.

FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIR | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment will be available on June 5th in underline/strikeout format to more easily identify the proposed changes; a clean version of Attachment G is also available. The proposed amendment and the existing Small MS4 General Permit may be found on our website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml.

Interested persons may request a paper copy of the proposed amendment and/or the existing Small MS4 General Permit by contacting Mr. Bill Hereth at (916) 341-5688 or bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov.

SCOPE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

This Notice provides a 45-day public review period of the proposed amendment. The Public Hearing scheduled above is within the public comment period, allowing interested parties the opportunity to provide oral comments to the State Water Board in addition to written comments.

Public comments in response to this Notice must be limited to the proposed revisions in the following portions of the existing Small MS4 General Permit:

- (1) Finding 40,
- (2) Section E.13.b. – TMDL Monitoring,
- (3) Section E.15. – Total Maximum Daily Loads Compliance Requirements,
- (4) Section E.16.a. – Annual Reporting Program,
- (5) Section F.5.i. – Total Maximum Daily Loads Compliance Requirements,
- (6) Section F.5.j.2. – Online Annual Reporting,
- (7) The Fact Sheet, and
- (8) Attachment G – Region-specific TMDL Requirements

The State Water Board will not consider public comments outside the scope of the proposed amendment. The State Water Board is not required to respond to public comments on issues raised outside the scope of the proposed amendment.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING

At the Public Hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to present oral comments to the State Water Board. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. Participants planning to use a Power Point presentation must submit the file electronically, in .ppt format, to the Clerk via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, June 29, 2017. Please indicate in the subject line "Power Point Presentation – Small MS4 Permit Amendment."

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit their written comments electronically. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, July 20, 2017** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of 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 via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: “**Comment Letter – Small MS4 Permit Amendment.**”

Persons hand delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who will contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS FOR THE ADOPTION MEETING

At the adoption meeting, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize their written comments in oral presentations. No new evidence (e.g. photographs, data, testimony) may be submitted at the adoption meeting and all comments will be treated as non-evidentiary policy statements. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. Participants planning to use a Power Point presentation must submit the file electronically, in .ppt format, to the Clerk via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Please indicate in the subject line “Power Point Presentation – Small MS4 Permit Amendment.”

For presentation recommendations, go to:

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

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future public notices regarding the proposed amendment, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for the Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, check the box for “storm water municipal permitting issues” under the heading of Water Quality, then fill in the required information. The subscription form is at:

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

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

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 at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5881 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.


An audio broadcast of the hearing and of the adoption meeting will be available via the Internet and 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 receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Bill Hereth at (916) 341-5688 or bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date May 31, 2017



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board