
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES (WRFP) FOR PROPOSITION 13, PROPOSITION 1 AND PROPOSITION 68

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider adopting the amended WRFP Guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 13, Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 as early as the Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Board Meeting.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) will hold three (3) public workshops, one in northern California, one in the central valley, and one in southern California. The purpose of the workshops will be to provide an overview of the amended WRFP Guidelines and to receive public input.

BACKGROUND

The WRFP program provides grants and loans statewide for water recycling projects. Funding for the WRFP may be available from Proposition 13, Proposition 1, Proposition 68, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and future State bond measures. The State Water Board is required to develop and adopt guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 as required by applicable State statutes.

The WRFP Guidelines were last amended on June 16, 2015. The WRFP Guidelines describe the process for administering grants and loans for recycled water planning, construction, research, and pilot projects. The WRFP Guidelines also reference the Policy for Implementing the CWSRF and the annual CWSRF Intended Use Plan, and interested stakeholders are encouraged to also review those documents.

Since extensive reorganization and clarification was done on the WRFP Guidelines, DFA has only prepared a clean version of the draft amended WRFP Guidelines. If adopted by the State Water Board, the amended WRFP Guidelines would replace in its entirety the WRFP Guidelines last amended on June 16, 2015.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft amended WRFP Guidelines are available for review on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/index.shtml.

(To receive email notifications about other information related to the WRFP 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 draft amended WRFP Guidelines. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter – October 15, 2019 Board Meeting – WRFP Guidelines Amendment.**" Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on September 12, 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, a hard copy may be submitted. 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.

WORKSHOPS AND WEBCAST

The workshops and webcast are 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 workshops. 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 workshops are an opportunity for interested persons to provide oral comments to the State Water Board staff on the draft amended WRF Guidelines. The date, time, and location of the workshops are:

Northern CA Workshop Friday, August 16, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Central Valley Workshop Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Southern CA Workshop Thursday, August 22, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
CalEPA Building Klamath Room and Webcast 1001 I Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Kings Canyon Conf. Room 5607 W. Jensen Avenue Fresno, CA 93706	Orange County Water District Phillip L. Anthony Laboratory 18700 Ward Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708

You may also participate in the workshop via Webcast on August 16, 2019. The Webcast 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 at CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov. For questions regarding the workshops, please contact James Garcia at (916) 341-5647 or James.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov or Jody Hack at (916) 341-5811 or Jody.Hack@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Orange County Water District Water Quality Laboratory is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Lo Tan at ltan@ocwd.com or (714) 378-3368 at least five working days prior to the workshop date.

The Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Shannon Mulhall at Shannon.Mulhall@fresno.gov or (559) 621-8716 at least five working days prior to the workshop date. Photo ID is required for access to the Facility.

The CalEPA Building 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.

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.

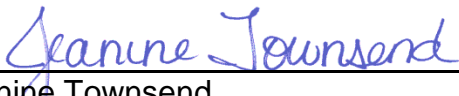
PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

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/>. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to James Garcia at (916) 341-5647 or James.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov or Jody Hack at (916) 341-5811 or Jody.Hack@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 12, 2019
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board