
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS,
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS, AND ADOPTION MEETING**

**DRAFT STORM WATER RESOURCE PLAN GUIDELINES
AND
DRAFT PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the following draft guidelines:

- 1) Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines (Plan Guidelines) dated August 2015 and issued in accordance with Water Code sections 10561, 10561.5, 10562, 10563, 10565, and 10573 (Senate Bill 985, Pavley, Statutes of 2014); and
- 2) Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding Guidelines (Funding Guidelines), dated August 2015 and issued in accordance with Water Code section 79747 (Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will conduct three public outreach meetings. Interested parties may provide oral comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and the Draft Funding Guidelines at these meetings. Details of the public meetings are provided below.

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board – Fresno Office
Kings Conference Room
1685 E Street, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93706

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Orange County Water District Office - Board Room
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Thursday, October 1, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Office Room 1
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public Board Workshop to hear public comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and Draft Funding Guidelines. Details of the State Water Board workshop are provided below.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public Board Meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Plan Guidelines. Details of the State Water Board Meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

The State Water Board meeting for consideration of adoption of the Draft Funding Guidelines will be noticed under a separate public notice.

BACKGROUND

Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines

The purpose of the Draft Plan Guidelines is to establish guidance for the development of Storm Water Resource Plans in accordance with Water Code section 10565. Water Code section 10563(c)(1) requires a public agency to develop a Storm Water Resource Plan (Plan) as a condition of receiving funds from any bond approved by voters after January 2014. Prop. 1 is a water bond measure that, among other funds, authorized \$200 million in grants for multi-benefit storm water management projects.

Existing planning documents (i.e. watershed management plans, integrated regional water management plans, urban water management plans, or similar plans) that include storm water and dry weather runoff capture and use as a component of its goals and objectives may be utilized as functionally equivalent plans; if a planning document does not meet the standards of Water Code section 10560 et seq., a collection of local and regional plans may constitute a functional equivalent if the plans collectively meet the requirements of the Water Code section 10562(c).

The proposed Draft Plan Guidelines will serve as guidance for entities preparing a Storm Water Resource Plan, and assist the State Water Board and other bond fund-dispensing agencies in administering funds for storm water management projects. As proposed, the Draft Plan Guidelines do not serve as a commitment to any specific project. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15378(b)(4).)

Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding Guidelines

The purpose of the Funding Guidelines is to establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit applications, evaluate and select proposals, and award grants for multi-benefit storm water management projects funded by the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding program. Water Code section 79747 (Proposition 1, Chapter 7) provides

\$200 million in grant funds for multi-benefit storm water management projects to assist in adapting water infrastructure systems to climate change and to provide incentives for water agencies throughout each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources. After bond and program administration costs, approximately \$186 million will be available for projects.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Plan Guidelines, Draft Funding Guidelines, and all related documents are available for review online at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/.

You may request a paper copy of the Draft Plan Guidelines by contacting Ms. Rachael Pontious at (916) 341-6914 or Rachael.Pontious@waterboards.ca.gov.

You may request a paper copy of the Draft Funding Guidelines by e-mailing the Division of Financial Assistance at: DFA_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov.

Additional information on the public meetings can be found on the State Water Board web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and the Draft Funding Guidelines. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 13, 2015** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to 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 (less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: "**Comment Letter – Storm Water Resource Plan and Proposition 1 Funding Guidelines.**"

Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the October 6, 2015 State Water Board Workshop, a quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken at the workshop. At the December 1, 2015 Board Adoption Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Plan Guidelines. Participants will be given an opportunity to speak to the Board directly during the Board Workshop and summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations during the Board Adoption Meeting. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

No new evidence (e.g. photographs, data, testimony) may be submitted at the Board 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 at the Board Workshop and at the Board Adoption Meeting may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at: 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 map on the State Water Board web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 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 meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. Individuals requiring special accommodations to attend the public outreach meetings held outside of the CalEPA Building are requested to contact Rachael Pontious at the State Water Board by email at Rachael.pontious@waterboards.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 341-6914 or to contact the facilities directly.

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.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public meetings and workshop at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public workshop and public comment period will be provided on the State Water Board electronic mailing list. Notice of any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the Draft Plan Guidelines and/or the Draft Funding Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:

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


To subscribe, select the "Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)" category, then check the box for "Storm Water Grant Program," and provide the required information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the Draft Plan Guidelines to Ms. Rachael Pontious at (916) 341-5523 or Rachael.Pontious@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please direct all questions regarding the Draft Funding Guidelines to Ms. Michele Stebbins at (916) 341-5665 or Michele.Stebbins@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 28, 2015
Date



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Clerk to the Board