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## State Water Resources Control Board

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS AND NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOPS

## POLICY FOR SITING, DESIGN, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS) – Septic Systems

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has completed a draft State Policy for Water Quality Control for Siting, Design, Operation, and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy) and a Substitute Environmental Document (SED) for public review. The adoption of policies for water quality control has been certified as an exempt regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act, so the State Water Board has prepared the SED to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed OWTS Policy.

Staff workshops are planned at the locations and times listed below to gather input from public agencies and interested persons on the content of the OWTS Policy and associated SED. Staff will conduct two separate sessions at each location in order to accommodate different schedules. Each session will have identical content. Times for the workshops are 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in OWTS issues about this notice.

### **Monday, October 24, 2011**

San Luis Obispo Performing Arts Center  
Harmann Hall  
1 Grand Avenue  
San Luis Obispo, CA

Map:

<http://g.co/maps/pye2s>

### **Friday, October 28, 2011**

David Marr Theater at the Shasta Learning Center  
2200 Eureka Way # B  
Redding, CA

Map:

<http://g.co/maps/8cst>

### **Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

Wells Fargo Center  
Ruth Finley Person Theater  
50 Mark West Springs Road  
Santa Rosa, CA

Map:

<http://g.co/maps/9jhx>

### **Monday, November 7, 2011**

University Theater  
University of California, Riverside  
400 Humanities  
Riverside, CA

Map:

<http://culturalevents.ucr.edu/directions.htm>

Although a quorum of the State Water Board may be present at any workshop, the State Water Board will not take an action during any workshop. A separate State Water Board adoption hearing will be scheduled in the future, at which the State Water Board will consider adoption of the final OWTS Policy and SED. The adoption hearing will be noticed separately. State Water Board staff anticipates that the adoption hearing will be scheduled in spring, 2012.

The purpose of the staff workshops is to seek input and answer questions from public agencies and members of the public on the OWTS Policy and SED. In May 2011 the State Water Board held public scoping meetings on the SED to seek input on the range of project actions, alternatives, reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, significant impacts to be analyzed, cumulative impacts, if any, and mitigation measures that will reduce impacts to a less than significant level; and to eliminate from detailed study issues found not to be important.

The OWTS Policy and SED Documents may be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/owts/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/).

Paper copies or compact disc of the OWTS Policy and SED Documents are available upon request by writing to: OWTS Policy, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812, or by calling (916) 445-9187 or by emailing your request to [owts\\_commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:owts_commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov).

The OWTS Policy and SED Documents are being made available for a 45-day public review and comment period. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, November 14, 2011**. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional comments on the draft documents.

Please send comments on the OWTS Policy and SED by email to, [owts\\_commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:owts_commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (if 15 megabytes in size or less). Electronic submission of comments by email is preferred. Please indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – DRAFT OWTS Policy Documents.**" Please identify a contact person who would be available to answer any questions regarding your comments. Comments may also be submitted by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

OWTS Policy  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812 (by mail)  
1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

Hand and special deliveries should be addressed to the address above. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact (916) 341-5455.

### **Email List Serve**

Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to an email list serve for future notices about the OWTS Policy at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml), under Water Quality Topics choose Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)-Septic Systems. The email list serve will be the primary method for providing future notices related to the proposed OWTS Policy. Persons without access to email may request paper copies of future notices by mail such request to the above address.

**Special Accommodations**

Wheel-chair accessible seating is available at all workshop locations. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Hoffman at (916) 341-5908 or [mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mhoffman@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five working days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device.

HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

**Workshop Location Information**

**Parking at the San Luis Obispo location**

The Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo is located on the Campus of California Polytechnic Institute. Parking at the lot adjacent to the Center is \$6.00. Directions to the Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo are located at this website: [http://www.pacslo.org/tickets/directions\\_parking](http://www.pacslo.org/tickets/directions_parking)

**Parking at the Redding location**

There is no cost to park at the Shasta Learning Center; however, parking in the lots may be limited for the earlier session (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) as school will be in session. Ample street parking is available, which is closer to the entrance than the campus parking lots.

**Parking at the Santa Rosa location**

The Wells Fargo Center for the Arts offers free parking. Directions to the center are available at this website: <http://wellsfargocenterarts.org/directions.html>

**Parking at the Riverside location**

University of California Riverside parking costs \$8.00 in lot 6 per vehicle during the day. Pay entering lot 6 to student attendant on duty. Directions to University Theater and nearby parking is located at this website: <http://culturalevents.ucr.edu/directions.htm>

September 30, 2011  
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Date

  
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