

Who should attend the free workshop on June 18th?

Anyone who uses recycled water for landscape irrigation, or operates or manages areas that use recycled water for landscape irrigation, or people who produce, distribute, or sell recycled water could benefit from this workshop.

It could also be valuable for representatives of groundwater management agencies and those involved in water replenishment.

Landscape Irrigation Uses of Recycled Water Workshop JUNE 18, 2008

How do I participate in activities related to the development of the General Permit?

You may either attend meetings and offer comments or view the meetings online, when they are broadcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. You can also sign up for electronic updates and attachments at (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)

You are also welcome to provide written comments by the June 26, 2008 deadline.



RECYCLED WATER WORKSHOP

Information Sheet on the Development of a Statewide General Permit for Landscape Irrigation Uses of Recycled Water

Why is the State Water Board drafting a General Permit?

A new state law (Assembly Bill 1481, De La Torre, 2007) requires the Board to adopt a statewide general permit for landscape irrigation uses of recycled water by July 31, 2009.

What does “recycled water” mean?

“Recycled water” means water which, as a result of treatment of waste, is suitable for a direct beneficial use or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is therefore considered a valuable resource. It can be used in a safe manner that protects public health and the environment for such things as landscape irrigation. The water being discussed is not intended for drinking, bathing or other indoor use.

What is “landscape irrigation”?

Landscape irrigation projects, in the past, have involved non-crop areas like parks, school yards, residential landscaping, etc. For the purposes of drafting the General Permit, “landscape irrigation” is largely undefined and comments will be solicited regarding what should be and should not be included.

Will recycled water uses other than “landscape irrigation,” such as agricultural uses, be affected by the General Permit?

There is no indication the General Permit will address agricultural irrigation uses of recycled water and State Water Board staff is not proposing its inclusion.

How is the General Permit related to developing a recycled water use policy and other recycled water related activities?

Developing a statewide recycled water use policy in an ongoing process. The State Water Board has allowed time for stakeholders to develop an alternative proposal.

In addition to meeting the new law’s requirements for adopting a statewide general permit for landscape irrigation uses of recycled water, the State Water Board is currently involved with other recycled water-related activities such as: the California Water Plan Update 2009, the Bay-Delta Strategic Work Plan, and the State Water Board’s Strategic Plan Update.



What is the schedule for adopting the General Permit by July 31, 2009?

We expect the process to proceed as follows: Following the review of written comments after the June 18th workshop (due at noon June 26th), staff will draft a General Permit and the supporting environmental document. They will be circulated for public review and comment in advance of a future State Water Board meeting. After that meeting, more changes will be made and shown to the public before the State Water Board makes any decisions.

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Who is the recycled water ombudsperson required by the new law?

The State Water Board’s Office of Public Participation is temporarily filling this role. His/her job is to communicate with people about recycled water issues and to promote recycled water use while protecting water quality.