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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION COVERING GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION USES OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLED WATER AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff has prepared [General Waste Discharge Requirements for Landscape Irrigation Uses of Municipal Recycled Water \(General Permit\)](#).

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff has prepared a [draft mitigated negative declaration](#) setting forth the findings that the following proposed action as mitigated will have a less-than-significant effect on the environment.

California Water Code section 13552.5 requires the State Water Board to adopt a Statewide General Permit for Landscape Irrigation Uses of Recycled Water by July 31, 2009. The State Water Board, acting as "lead agency," is also completing the environmental review process, required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The State Water Board is now accepting written comments on the proposed General Permit and associated draft environmental documents. It will separately publish a notice(s) of the hearing and subsequent meeting at which it will consider the adoption of the proposed General Permit and draft mitigated negative declaration.

BACKGROUND

On June 18, 2008, State Water Board staff conducted a CEQA scoping meeting in Sacramento to seek public input regarding the scope and content of the proposed General Permit and its associated environmental document. The purpose of the scoping meeting was to seek comments from different interested parties and to provide direction for State Water Board staff for the development of the General Permit. State Water Board staff used the scoping meeting and the subsequent written comments received to help identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in the development of both the proposed General Permit and its supporting environmental document.

Following the scoping meeting, State Water Board staff drafted the proposed General Permit for consideration by the State Water Board and prepared the initial study to evaluate the potential environmental effects of implementing the proposed General Permit. Based on the results of the initial study, State Water Board staff is proposing that a mitigated negative declaration is appropriate for this project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the draft mitigated negative declaration, initial study, and proposed General Permit may be obtained via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/landscape_irrigation_general_permit.shtml

Paper copies of this information are available upon request by writing or calling:

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Interested parties may subscribe to receive notifications via electronic mail for future notices related to the proposed General Permit at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml; choose *Recycled Water Policy/General Permit for Landscape Irrigation*.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments regarding the content of the draft mitigated negative declaration, initial study, and the proposed General Permit. All written comments and related documents must be received by **12:00 noon on April 27, 2009** and should be addressed to the following:

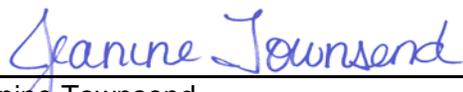
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Comment letters may be submitted by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter-Landscape Irrigation General Permit.”**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Gordon Innes at (916) 341-5517 or g Innes@waterboards.ca.gov .

March 27, 2009
Date



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