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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP SESSION, BOARD ADOPTION HEARING, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED WATER RECYCLING POLICY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop to receive public comments on a proposed statewide Water Recycling Policy as part of a State Water Board meeting to be held on October 2, 2007 in Los Angeles. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the workshop session. No regulatory actions will be taken at the October 2, 2007 workshop. The location and time of the workshop are provided below.

October 2, 2007 - 10 a.m.
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street – Room 1-102
Los Angeles, California 90012-2944

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board has scheduled a hearing on December 4, 2007 in Sacramento to consider adoption of the proposed statewide Water Recycling Policy and a related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. (The draft CEQA document will be released at a later date and a separate notice will be issued when the draft CEQA document becomes available for review.) A quorum of State Water Board members will be present at the hearing. The State Water Board will receive oral comments on the proposed statewide Water Recycling Policy and may adopt the proposed Water Recycling Policy at the December 4, 2007 hearing. The location and time of the hearing are provided below.

December 4, 2007 – 10 a.m.
Cal/EPA Building, Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

Recycled water is a major source of water supply in California and a major component in California's plan for meeting the state's growing water demand. The California Water Plan estimates that recycled water usage can increase from half a million acre-feet per year in 2003 to two million acre-feet per year in 2030. The Recycled Water Task Force issued a report in June 2003 that contained recommendations that California should

implement to achieve this goal. Some of the recommendations concerned the need to consistently apply state statutes and regulations regarding water recycling and water quality. The purpose of a statewide policy would be to provide direction to the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) on how to interpret state statutes, regulations, plans, and policies with respect to water recycling projects, thus ensuring consistent interpretation of the requirements among the Regional Water Boards.

On March 20, 2007, the State Water Board held a workshop on whether the State Water Board should develop a water recycling policy and, if so, what issues the policy should address. The comments received generally supported the development of a water recycling policy. The comment letters can be viewed at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_recycling_policy/index.html.

The proposed Water Recycling Policy addresses requirements for implementation plans for salts, recycled water irrigation projects, groundwater recharge reuse projects, liability, and conflict resolution procedures. It does not address impoundments containing recycled water, incidental runoff of recycled water, or aquifer storage and recovery projects that do not use recycled water.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Water Recycling Policy may be obtained via the Internet on the State Water Board Web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_recycling_policy/index.html .

Any revisions to the proposed Water Recycling Policy and associated draft CEQA documents will also be posted at the above web site address when they become available.

You may also receive a paper copy of the proposed Water Recycling Policy by writing to Ryan Maughan, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814 or email: rmaughan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Interested parties may subscribe to an email list for future notifications about the proposed Water Recycling Policy at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html : choose Water Recycling Policy.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments are welcomed and encouraged. To be fully considered, written comments on the proposed Water Recycling Policy should be submitted by **noon on October 26, 2007**.

Written comments are to be addressed and submitted to:

Jeanine Townsend, Acting Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax (916) 341-5621

E-mail comments should be sent to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov .

Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – Water Recycling Policy."

ORAL COMMENTS

Time limitations on oral presentations may be imposed. Please coordinate oral presentations with others with similar comments. For other presentation recommendations, see "Presentations to the Board" at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board.html>.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Los Angeles location: Standard parking is available at Union Station. Those taking subway lines should exit at Union Station. Valet parking is available at the Metropolitan Water District.

Sacramento location: All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, then proceed to the Sierra Hearing Room.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to meeting date.

Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service TDD. TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Date

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Acting Clerk to the Board