
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Public Meeting Informal Stakeholder Meeting to Inform the Development of Implementation Guidance for the Dredge or Fill Procedures

**Monday, December 2, 2019
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Conference Number (888) 808-6929; Code 3167024
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building
Training Rooms East and West
1001 I Street, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

On April 2, 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State (Procedures). In adopting the Procedures, State Water Board Resolution No. 2019-0015 directed staff to develop implementation guidance for potential applicants, and to solicit informal input from stakeholders prior to finalizing the guidance. The Procedures and Resolution No. 2019-0015 are on the [State Water Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/wrapp.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/wrapp.html).

Pursuant to the resolution, staff will be developing implementation guidance over the next several months and will solicit informal input from stakeholders during the process, prior to the Procedures' effective date of May 28, 2020.

Staff proposes to cover the following topics in the implementation guidance:

- Application completeness determinations and processing timelines: How can I minimize iterative application submissions and what are application processing timelines?
- Conditional application requirements: When will I know if I am required to submit conditional, or case-by-case, application requirements?
 - What is a watershed profile, and when do I need to prepare one?
 - What is a watershed plan, and do I need to prepare one?
 - What is a project evaluation area and how do I determine that?

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- Alternatives analysis:
 - Level of effort: If I am required to prepare an alternatives analysis, what is the appropriate level of effort?
- Climate Change Assessment:
 - When should I prepare a climate change assessment for my mitigation project?
 - What data or sources of information should I consider when preparing a climate change assessment?

Anticipated 2019-20 Schedule:

December 2, 2019: State Water Board staff will host an informal stakeholder meeting to receive input and inform preliminary draft guidance. Please note, space is limited for this meeting. If you plan to attend in person, please inform Ana Maria Saenz no later than November 26, 2019. Otherwise, please use the conference number, below.

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January - February: Draft guidance will be circulated to public and an additional meeting will be held to discuss the draft guidance.


March - April: Guidance will be finalized and posted on the State Water Board's website.

April - May: Water Boards will hold public workshops to go over the guidance and answer questions. Workshops will likely be held at the following regional board locations: Sacramento, Redding, San Diego, Lake Tahoe, Riverside, and Santa Rosa.

State Water Board staff will hold the informal public meeting at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, place, or call-in number of the informal meeting will be noticed through the Lyris e-mail distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the guidance, including any changes to the notice of public meeting and consideration of adoption, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail distribution list. To sign up for the Lyris distribution email list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, select the box for 'Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy' (located within the section entitled 'Water Quality Topics'), and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at the [State Water Board's Email List Subscription Website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html) at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ana Maria Saenz at (916) 341-5480 (AnaMaria.Saenz@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date


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