



State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY HANDBOOK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water (Division) will hold a public hearing to receive comments from interested parties and the general public on the draft Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH). State Water Board staff will provide a brief presentation prior to receiving comments at the public hearing. A quorum of the Board may be present, but no action will be taken.

Monday, December 5, 2022
9:30 A.M .

Video and Teleconference Participation Only
No Physical Meeting Location

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this hearing is scheduled at this time to occur via remote presence. The hearing will be recorded and will be webcast at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill (AB) 1671 (Chapter 533, Statutes of 2017) requires the State Water Board to adopt standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control through the adoption of a CCCPH on or before January 1, 2020. The statutes also require that the State Water Board hold at least two public hearings before adopting the CCCPH. Upon adoption by the State Water Board, the existing cross-connection control regulations set forth in article 1 (commencing with section 7583) and Article 2 (commencing with section 7601) of Group 4 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 5 of Division 1 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations will become inoperative, and 90 days thereafter, are repealed, unless the State Water Board makes a determination not to repeal a specific regulation. AB 1180 (Chapter 455, Statutes 2019) requires the State Water Board to include provisions for the use of a swivel ell or changeover device to supply potable water to a dual-plumbed system during an interruption in recycled water service in the CCCPH.

A draft of the CCCPH will be released for public comment on November 2, 2022. This public hearing is the second of two public hearings in accordance with AB 1671.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Information regarding the State Water Board adoption hearing will be provided at a future date. To receive notices regarding the adoption hearings, please see “Future Notices” section.

The second draft of the handbook and responses to comments received during the first round of public comments will be posted in the following weblink:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/cccp.html

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will be accepting oral comments during the hearing. Written comments must be received by **12:00 (noon) on December 9, 2022**. Oral comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

Please send written communications as follows:

By email: DDW-TechOps@Waterboards.ca.gov (PDF format, 15 megabytes or less)

By mail, addressed to:

Regulatory Development Unit
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 17th floor
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-100

When submitting written comments, please use the subject line “**Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook**” in your email and/or transmittal letter.

The State Water Board requests, but does not require, that written comments sent by mail be submitted in triplicate.

The State Water Board requests, but does not require, that if reports or articles in excess of 25 pages are submitted in conjunction with the comments, the commenter provide a summary of the report or article and describe the reason for which the report or article is being submitted or is relevant to the draft CCCPH.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, §6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) can be released to the public upon request.

If you wish to watch the meeting: A webcast will be available at video.calepa.ca.gov/ and should be used unless you intend to provide oral comments.

If you wish to make an oral comment: additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/cccpmeeting.html

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via internet on the California Environmental Protection Agency video page (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>).

FUTURE NOTICES

Any persons desiring to receive future updates regarding the public hearing, notices regarding the CCCPH, and future State Water Board activities for the CCCPH are encouraged to subscribe to the “Drinking Water Program Announcements” electronic mailing list.

To subscribe, please access the email list subscription form available on the State Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

Please select the “Drinking Water” category, check the box next to “Drinking Water Program Announcements,” and provide the required contact information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to DDW-TechOps@Waterboards.ca.gov with a subject heading “**Public Hearing – Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook.**”

October 20, 2022

Date

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