

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON A PROPOSED DRAFT POLICY TO STANDARDIZE COST REPORTING IN MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMITS.

DISCUSSION

The Division of Water Quality is proposing a policy to establish statewide cost reporting requirements for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permittees. The proposed Draft Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits Policy (Draft Policy) provides a standard list of cost categories that Phase I and traditional Phase II MS4 permittees (Permittees) shall use to track and annually report permit implementation costs.

Municipal Permittees in California invest considerable resources to implement stormwater permits. Inconsistencies in cost reporting methodologies make it challenging to directly relate costs to specific elements in municipal permits. Considering these challenges, in 2018 the California State Auditor's Report highlighted the need for statewide cost reporting requirements. This Draft Policy intends to provide Permittees and Water Boards staff consistent statewide cost reporting.

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.