
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP
CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY HANDBOOK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a stakeholder workshop to solicit input from interested parties and the general public on the development of the Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook (policy handbook). State Water Board staff will present information and answer questions related to the policy handbook at the stakeholder workshop

Thursday, February 20, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento 95812

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 policy handbook on or before January 1, 2020. The statutes also require that the State Water Board hold at least two public hearings before adopting the policy handbook. 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5 of Division 1 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations will become inoperative, and 90 days thereafter, are repealed, unless the State Water Board makes a determination not to repeal a specific regulation.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 policy handbook.

Development of the policy handbook is underway. Information gathered from the stakeholder workshop will help inform State Water Board staff in the preparation of the policy handbook. State Water Board staff is seeking stakeholder comments and suggestions on the following issues:

1. Aspects of the current cross-connection control regulations that should be strengthened and revised to improve protection of public health.

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2. Aspects of the current cross-connection control regulations that would provide public water systems with additional guidance, direction and/or authority to implement their cross-connection control program.
3. Feedback on Table 1 in Section 7604 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations (current regulations) which establishes the minimum type of backflow protection required under various scenarios.
4. Options for regulatory oversight/accreditation of organizations that provide certifications of backflow device testers and specialists.
5. Options to address the provisions of Assembly Bill 1180 (2018) which require that the policy handbook 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. Current regulations require an air-gap for this purpose.

Prior to the stakeholder workshop, additional information and an agenda will be posted on the State Water Board's Board Meetings, Hearings & Workshops website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/#02-2020. This stakeholder workshop will be held in addition to the two statutorily mandated public hearings to be scheduled at a later date. To receive notices regarding the public hearings, please see "Future Notices" section.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will be accepting oral comments during the workshop. Interested individuals may send written comments or questions in advance of the stakeholder meeting. Please send written communications as follows:

- ✓ By email: DDWRegUnit@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 "Stakeholder Workshop – Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook" in your email and/or transmittal letter.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any persons desiring to receive future updates regarding the stakeholder workshop, notices regarding the policy handbook, and future State Water Board activities for the policy handbook 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.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board web site at:

<https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5261 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

WEBCAST OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Video and audio broadcasts of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed on the State Water Board’s website (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to DDWRegUnit@waterboards.ca.gov with a subject heading “Stakeholder Workshop – Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook.”