
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS INFORMAL DRAFT NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the Informal Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit). Following the 60-day comment period, the State Water Board will:

- Prepare and make available a high-level response to written comments; and
- Revise the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit as appropriate and release another iteration for public comment at a future date, after which the State Water Board may consider approval.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit is available on the State Water Board web page [Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program](#).

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (PDT) on Friday, October 4, 2024**, to be considered. Written comments may be submitted by:

1. Email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line **“Comment Letter: Small Municipal Stormwater Permit,”** or
2. Fax to (916) 341-5620, or
3. Mail to

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (Mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Couriers hand delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will hold the following staff workshops to answer questions on the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit.

VIRTUAL/REMOTE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Webcast at video.calepa.ca.gov

Virtual/remote attendees may submit questions during the workshop to SmallMS4Workshop@waterboards.ca.gov. Additional participation instructions will be provided at the start of the workshop. After staff completes its presentation on the major revisions to the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit, staff will respond to questions that are submitted via email. A quorum of the board will not be present. No decision will be made and no action will be taken.

IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 5, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Joe Serna, Jr. – Cal EPA Headquarters Building

Sierra Hearing Room

1011 I Street, Second Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

In-person workshop attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions (5 minutes per attendee) at the conclusion of staff's presentation. A quorum of the board may be present, but a decision will not be made and no action will be taken.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The staff workshops will be offered in English. To request language interpretation or sign language services, please use one of the following options before August 23, 2024:

1. Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online,
2. Call the Office of Public Participation by phone at (916) 445-5615, or
3. Email the Office of Public Participation at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND

The existing NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ([Order WQ 2013-0001-DWQ](#)) regulates the discharge of stormwater from traditional and non-traditional small municipalities throughout the state. The existing permit was adopted on February 5, 2013, and has been administratively extended since February 5, 2018. Staff is currently in the process of developing the permit reissuance, with the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit as a step in that process.

Traditional small municipalities include cities and counties. Non-traditional municipalities are those entities that have been designated as municipal-like such as prisons, military bases, hospitals, state universities, state parks, community service districts, fairgrounds, ports, water agencies, and transit agencies.

In addition to requiring regulated entities to address six minimum control measures, the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit includes updates, revisions, and implementation requirements such as the following:

- Trash Provisions (new),
- Optional Alternative Compliance for Stormwater Capture (new),
- Revised Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Requirements to include an Asset Management Plan,
- Revised Public Education, Outreach, Involvement, and Participation Program to require pet waste programs,
- Revised Total Maximum Daily Loads,
- Revised Low Impact Development Design Standards,
- Revised Areas of Special Biological Significance implementation requirements,
- Designation of additional non-traditional entities.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit or its reissuance, including any changes to this public notice, may sign up for the appropriate email list as follows:

1. Access the [email subscription form](#),
2. Enter an email address,
3. Press “Submit”,
4. Re-enter the email address,
5. If desired, enter and re-enter a password to password-protect your subscriber preferences,
6. Check the box to consent to our data privacy policy,
7. Press “Submit”,
8. Check the box for “Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues”, nested under the “Water Quality” heading,
9. Press “Submit”.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct requests for a paper copy of the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit to Paul Levy at Paul.Levy@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 1, 2024
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board