
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Availability of Informal Draft Statewide NPDES General Permit for Discharges from Pest Control Applications and Notice of Staff Public Workshops

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is releasing an informal draft of the Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from Pest Control Applications (Pest Control Permit).

Staff will accept written comments and will provide a high-level response to comments.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The informal draft Pest Control Permit is posted on the State Water Board's web site at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/pest_control.html

Physical copies of the available documents may be mailed to you upon request by contacting staff listed below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the informal draft Pest Control Permit must be received by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, November 12, 2025**. Comments received after this time and date may not be considered.

Please email your written comments to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov and include **"Comment Letter – Informal Draft Pest Control Permit"** in the subject line. You may also mail, or hand deliver your written comments to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Attention: Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT State Water Board staff will hold two virtual public workshops to:

- (1) Provide an overview of the informal draft Pest Control Permit.
- (2) Answer questions and allow interested parties to provide oral feedback regarding the draft permit.

Both workshops will cover the same information. Staff workshops may conclude earlier if all questions and comments have been addressed during the meeting.

The staff public workshops will be held as follows:

Public Workshop #1
Thursday, October 16, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
via Remote Participation through Zoom and Call in
Zoom link: <https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/82974769118>
Call In Number: 916-562-0861

Public Workshop #2
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
via Remote Participation through Zoom and Call in
Zoom link: <https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/88111238019>
Call In Number: 916-562-0861

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English. To request language services, including sign language, please use one of the following options as soon as possible and no later than five (5) business days before the meeting:

- Submit an online request: bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Contact us to request information in your language.

Comuníquese con nosotros para solicitar servicios lingüísticos o información en su idioma:

Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы запросить информацию на вашем языке.

귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

ACCESSIBILITY

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Any person who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should email contact@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5254, at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. Learn more about accessibility within Zoom at www.zoom.com/en/accessibility.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board previously adopted four statewide NPDES permits to regulate residual pesticide discharges to waters of the United States for the following pest control applications:

- Aquatic Weed and Algae Control (Water Quality Order 2013-0002-DWQ)
- Vector Control (Water Quality Order 2016-0039-DWQ)
- Spray Applications (Water Quality Order 2016-0040-DWQ)
- Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control (Water Quality Order 2016-0041-DWQ)

The existing permits expired and have been administratively extended until the effective date of a reissued permit. State Water Board staff has developed an informal draft General Permit reissuance that:

- Consolidates existing four pesticide permits into a single pest control permit.
- Expands regulatory coverage to include the discharge of aerially applied rodenticides.
- Removes “end-result” requirements per the *City and County of San Francisco v. U.S. EPA* Supreme Court case and adds applicable receiving water monitoring triggers and additional Best Management Practice requirements.
- Adds pesticidal active ingredients and applicable receiving water monitoring triggers.
- Authorizes the use of non-pesticidal products for aquatic weed and algae management.
- Authorizes temporary application of non-pesticidal products for the purpose of testing efficacy.
- Creates a streamlined process to obtain temporary coverage for emergency pest control.
- Reduces the public comment period for new or revised applications from 30-days to 14-days.
- Requires electronic submittal of applications and annual reports.

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Any person interested in receiving additional information about the Informal Draft of the NDPES Pest Control Permit including any change to the date, time, or meeting location in this public notice, should subscribe to the email distribution list.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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September 26, 2025
Date


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Clerk to the Board