
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for Draft Small MS4 Stormwater Permit

Staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the proposed draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Draft Small MS4 Permit). Following the 60-day comment period, the State Water Board will prepare and make available a response to written comments.

During the written comment period, staff will present the major revisions to the Draft Small MS4 Permit and respond to questions at one virtual workshop and one in-person workshop. Additionally, staff will present the major revisions to the Draft Small MS4 Permit at a public hearing of the State Water Board.

Participation Information

Review the Available Documents

The Draft Small MS4 Permit is available on the State Water Board web page [Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program](#).

Attend the Public Workshops and Hearing

- Public Staff Workshops:
 - *Virtually.* View the virtual workshop via the CalEPA webcast (video.calepa.ca.gov) on **Wednesday, July 29, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Virtual attendees may submit questions during the workshop to DWQ-SmallMS4@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 Draft Small MS4 Permit, staff will respond to questions that are submitted via email. A quorum of the State Water Board will not be present. No decision will be made and no action will be taken.
 - *In person.* Attend the in-person workshop on **Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The workshop will be held in the Sierra Hearing Room of the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building (1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814). After staff completes its presentation on the major revisions to the Draft Small MS4 Permit, in-person workshop attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions (5 minutes per attendee). A quorum of the State

Water Board may be present but a decision will not be made and no action will be taken.

- Public Board Hearing:
 - The State Water Board will hold a public hearing at which staff will present the Draft Small MS4 Permit on **Thursday, August 19, 2026**. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at the Coastal Hearing Room of the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building (1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814). Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions or present oral comments on the Draft Small MS4 Permit. No State Water Board action will be taken at the public hearing.

Submit Written Comments

Written comments on the Draft Small MS4 Permit must be received by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on September 2, 2026**. Comments received after this time and date may not be considered.

Please email your written comments in PDF format to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov and include **Draft Small MS4 Permit** in the subject line. You may also mail or hand-deliver your written comments to the following addresses:

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

Language Services

The workshops and hearing will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services, or sign language services please use one of the following options at least ten (10) business days before the meeting, if possible:

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

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Any person who requires a 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.

Building and Parking Information

- Directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.
- 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 on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

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 Draft Small MS4 Permit as a step in that process.

In addition to requiring regulated entities to address six minimum control measures, the Draft Small MS4 Permit includes updates, revisions, and implementation requirements addressing 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.

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Any person interested in receiving additional information about the draft Small MS4 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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- Website: [Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program](#)

Date July 2, 2026



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board