NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR, AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING GUIDELINES

DRAFT PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES – AMENDED FOR ROUND 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines – Amended for Round 2 (Amended Guidelines), dated August 2019.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will conduct an informational webinar at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019 to hear public comments on the Draft Amended Guidelines. Details of the webinar are provided at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adopting the Amended Guidelines as early as the Tuesday, October 15, 2019 State Water Board Meeting. The anticipated date, time, and location of the Board meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
State Water Board Meeting
Joe Serna Jr.–CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND
The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1) allocated $200 million for multi-benefit storm water management grants (Water Code section 79747). The Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines, which were initially adopted by the State Water Board on December 15, 2015, outline the process to solicit applications, criteria to evaluate and select eligible proposals, and requirements that apply to funded projects. Staff have developed the Draft Amended Guidelines in anticipation of the second solicitation for implementation projects (Round 2), which is anticipated to open late 2019.
DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY
The Draft Amended Guidelines are available for review online at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/

You may also request a paper copy of the Draft Amended Guidelines by contacting Spencer Joplin at (916) 341-5636 or Spencer.Joplin@waterboards.ca.gov.

Staff intend to present the Amended Guidelines to the State Water Board for consideration of adoption as early as the October 15, 2019 Board Meeting. After reviewing public comments and input from the informational webinar, an updated version of the Amended Guidelines will be posted for public comment prior to the Board Meeting. This will occur as part of the regular State Water Board Meeting Agenda process, at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS
The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Amended Guidelines. To submit written comments, please use the subject line: “Comment Letter – Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines – Amended for Round 2”. Written comments must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, September 20, 2019 and should be submitted to the attention of:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted to Clerk to the Board via email (if less than 15 megabytes) at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS
A quorum of the State Water Board Members may attend the informational webinar; however, no Board action will be taken on that date. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

At the subsequent State Water Board Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Amended Guidelines. Members of the public may present oral comments at the meeting. To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments.

For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.
MEETING DETAILS
Individuals requiring language interpretation services should contact Ms. Mandy Roman at the State Water Board at least 10 days prior at (916) 341-5265 or at Mandy.Roman@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 16, 2019, Webinar
Link and additional details available at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/

October 15, 2019, State Water Board Meeting
For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to this website: http://www.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 five 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. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at https://video.calepa.ca.gov/.

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 security clearance. For more details about this meeting please go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml

FUTURE NOTICES
The State Water Board will hold the informational webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or weblink for the webinar, to the public comment period, or to the intended date of State Water Board consideration of the Amended Guidelines will be provided via the State Water Board email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board’s email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.
To subscribe, select the “Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)” category, then check the box for “Storm Water Grant Program”, and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Please direct all questions regarding this notice and the Guidelines to Spencer Joplin at (916) 341-5636 or Spencer.Joplin@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Date
August 19, 2019

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board