Challenges and Solutions: The Intersection of Water Quality and People Experiencing Homelessness on the Central Coast

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Central Coast Water Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

You are invited to participate in a solution focused collaborative forum with elected officials, local and state agencies, and non-profit entities to identify and promote actions that reduce homelessness, as well as associated water quality impacts and risks to human health. Actions such as improving access to shelters, affordable housing, social services, clean drinking water, and sanitation services can reduce impacts to central coast waterways. The workshop includes panelists with diverse knowledge and experience in: 1) the scope and magnitude of the impacts to water quality and public health that result when people do not have access to shelter, clean water, and sanitary services; 2) innovative approaches taken by municipalities and non-governmental organizations to address these challenges; and 3) opportunities to collaborate and leverage funding mechanisms to improve access to shelters, affordable housing, social services, clean drinking water, and sanitation services for people experiencing homelessness.

AGENDA
The agenda for the workshop includes a description of the panel topics and a list of the panel speakers. The agenda is available at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/wqh.html

REGISTRATION
Please register by September 23, 2019 for in-person attendance or participation by webcast at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPP9PLL. Note, the webcast will be in listen mode only and you will not be able to submit comments to or ask questions of the panelists during the workshop.
PROCEDURAL MATTERS
The workshop will be informational only. While members of the Central Coast Water Board may be present, there will not be a quorum and no formal action or decisions will be taken by the Central Coast Water Board at this workshop.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY
The location of the workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Tammie Olson at 805-549-3140 or Tammie.Olson@waterboards.ca.gov by September 27, 2019. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

STAY INFORMED
Any updates to this workshop and future activities on this topic will be noticed via the Central Coast Water Board’s automated email subscription list. Please go to the following website and subscribe to our “homelessness” email list: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.html

Please direct other questions about this workshop to Central Coast Water Board staff at 805-549-4768 or RB3-homelessness@waterboards.ca.gov.