



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR REGULATING DIRECT POTABLE REUSE IN CALIFORNIA, ADDENDUM: EARLY DRAFT OF ANTICIPATED CRITERIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comment on the Addendum to A Proposed Framework for Regulating Direct Potable Reuse in California, 2nd Edition (Framework). The State Water Board will provide an opportunity for the public to present oral comments at a public workshop. Information on the workshop will be provided in a separate notice.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board completed A Proposed Framework for Regulating Direct Potable Reuse in California (Framework) in April 2018, and a second edition of the Framework in August 2019 to satisfy the recommendation in Assembly Bill (AB) 574 (Chapter 528, Statutes of 2017) to establish a framework for the regulation of potable reuse projects on or before June 1, 2018. In preparing the Framework, the State Water Board considered the recommendations provided in the State Water Board's "Investigation on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse" (Report to Legislature), the schedule for completing the research outlined in the Report to Legislature, and a regulatory framework that is protective of public health, among other things.

The State Water Board has prepared an Addendum to the Framework, which consists of an early draft of the anticipated criteria for direct potable reuse that was developed using information from the recommended DPR research as required by <u>section 13561.2</u> <u>of the Water Code</u>. The State Water Board is seeking public comment, and soliciting stakeholder input from water agencies, wastewater agencies, local public health officers, environmental organizations, environmental justice organizations, public health nongovernmental organizations, and the business community as required by section 13561.2(a)(1).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Addendum to the Framework is available to view or download on the State Water Board's website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/direct_potable_reuse.html

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For those without internet access, please contact Jing Chao at (619) 525-4834 or by email at: <u>jchao@waterboards.ca.gov</u> to obtain the document.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Addendum. The comment period will begin on <u>Monday, March 22, 2021</u> and will end on <u>Friday, June 25, 2021</u>. **Written comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, June 25, 2021.**

Please send comment letters addressed to Jing Chao, Division of Drinking Water, as follows:

- ✓ By email: <u>ddwrecycledwater@waterboards.ca.gov</u> (PDF format, 15 megabytes or less)
- ✓ By mail, addressed to: Jing Chao

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Please indicate the subject line "**Comment Letter – Early Draft Anticipated DPR Criteria**" on your transmittal.

The State Water Board requests, but does not require, that if reports or articles in excess of 25 pages are submitted in conjunction with the comments, the commenter provide a summary of the report or article and describe the reason for which the report or article is being submitted or is relevant to the Addendum.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, §6250 et seq.), written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) can be released to the public upon request.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the Addendum to Jing Chao by telephone at (619) 525-4834 or by email at <u>ichao@waterboards.ca.gov.</u>