

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR REGULATING DIRECT POTABLE REUSE IN CALIFORNIA

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is preparing a proposed framework for regulating direct potable reuse in California (Framework) and is seeking public input through the following public workshops.

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| <p><u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP</u> April 23, 2018 – 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm Elihu M. Harris Building Room 2 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612</p> | <p><u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP</u> April 26, 2018 – 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Headquarters Room US2-456 700 North Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012</p> |
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SUBJECT OF WORKSHOPS

State Water Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) staff will present an overview of the Framework and invite the public and interested parties to provide input. A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at the workshop and may provide input, pose questions, or provide direction to staff, but will not take action.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board staff is preparing the Framework 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 will include the following elements stated in the California Water Code section 13560.5:

- (1) The consideration of recommendations provided in the State Water Board's "Investigation on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse."
- (2) A schedule for completing the recommended research described in "Investigation on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse."
- (3) A regulatory framework for potable reuse projects that will be protective of public health.
- (4) A process and timeline for updating uniform water recycling criteria for potable reuse through reservoir water augmentation.

The Legislature did not specify any requirements for public comment in AB 574; however, the State Water Board staff is seeking feedback from the public and interested parties on the Framework concepts, primarily related to regulation of direct potable reuse projects, prior to completing the Framework.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Framework will be available to view or download on the State Water Board's website after **April 13, 2018**:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/RecycledWater.shtml

For those without internet access, please contact Mr. Randy Barnard at (619) 525-4022 or by email at: Randy.Barnard@waterboards.ca.gov to obtain the documents.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Metropolitan Water District and public parking information, please visit the Metropolitan Water District web site at: <http://www.mwdh2o.com/WhoWeAre/Contact-Us/Pages/default.aspx>.

For directions to the Elihu M. Harris Building, please visit the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board web site at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about_us/directions.html

FUTURE NOTICES

Any persons desiring to receive future notices regarding the Framework and future State Water Board activities for direct potable reuse are encouraged to subscribe to the "Recycled Surface Water Augmentation & Direct Potable Reuse" electronic mailing list.

To subscribe, please access the email list subscription form available on the State Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

Please select "Drinking Water" category, check the box next to "Recycled Surface Water Augmentation & Direct Potable Reuse," and provide the required contact information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Mr. Randy Barnard at (619) 525-4022 or by email at Randy.Barnard@waterboards.ca.gov.