



**State Water Resources Control Board**  
Division of Drinking Water

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

### **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF THE POINT-OF-USE/POINT-OF-ENTRY TREATMENT DEVICE REGULATIONS AND PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff from the Division of Drinking Water of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will conduct three public workshops to discuss the process for adoption of the Point-of-Use/Point-of-Entry (POU/POE) Treatment Device Regulations, and to present the draft regulations. These will be informational workshops only. The Division of Drinking Water will not accept formal comments on the rulemaking and will take no formal action. Details of the public workshops, one of which will be conducted by Webinar, are provided below.

**Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.**

Marina Library  
188 Seaside Ave  
Marina, CA 93933

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.**

Coachella Valley Water District  
Rummond Room  
51501 Tyler St  
Coachella, CA 92236

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.**

Webinar

Register: <https://stateofcaswrcbweb.centurylinkccc.com/CenturylinkWeb/KimHanagan>

Dial in number for audio: 1-720-279-0026, 1-877-820-7831

Participant passcode: 157928

#### **BACKGROUND**

The proposed regulations would establish criteria for applicable public water systems (PWS) that *choose* to provide treatment for drinking water through the use of POU/POE treatment devices, rather than centralized treatment. Regulations establishing such criteria are mandated by statute.

AB 434 (2015) amended California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 116380 and 116552, requiring the State Water Board to adopt regulations governing the use of POU/POE treatment devices by a public water system in lieu of centralized treatment. The bill required the State Water Board to adopt the regulations as emergency regulations, which were exempt from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). These went into effect April 1, 2016. The bill also requires the State Water Board to adopt subsequent regular regulations in accordance with the APA. The emergency provisions are to remain in effect until the earlier of January 1, 2018, or the effective date of

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the permanent regulations adopted by the State Water Board in accordance with the APA. The proposed draft regulations are substantially similar to the emergency regulations.

#### **WORKSHOP OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this workshop is to describe the process for adoption of the regulations, present the proposed draft of the California POU/POE Treatment Device Regulations, and solicit input on the draft regulations. The workshop will include a staff presentation on the draft regulations, followed by an opportunity for the public to ask questions and participate in the discussion. The State Water Board is interested in including all interested parties including residents, business owners, local government representatives, public water systems and other stakeholders in the discussion.

Once the workshops have concluded, the State Water Board will finalize the proposed regulations. The State Water Board intends to publish the notice of proposed rulemaking, including the proposed regulations, for public comment later in 2017, and to hold a public hearing at the close of the comment period as will be set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. The staff expects to submit the final regulations to the State Water Board for adoption in the fall of 2017.

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

While members of the State Water Board, and perhaps a quorum of members, may be present at one or more of the workshops, the Board will not take formal action at the workshops. The State Water Board and Division of Drinking Water staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral comments or presentations at the workshops may be time-limited.

#### **FUTURE NOTICES RELATED TO THESE WORKSHOPS**

The State Water Board will hold the public workshops at the time and place noted above. Change in the date, time, and place of these public workshops will be posted to the State Water Board main web page at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.shtml) under "Announcements".

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please direct all questions regarding these workshops to the following email address:  
[DDWRegUnit@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DDWRegUnit@waterboards.ca.gov).

Once the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has been issued and the formal rulemaking process has begun, all comments must be submitted in compliance with the requirements of the Notice.