

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Meetings

of
Proposed Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2009-0050
NPDES No. CA0025054
WDID No. 1B96074SSON

For

The City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma, and
the Sonoma County Water Agency

Storm Water and Non-Storm Water Discharges
from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2009-0050 for the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma, and the Sonoma County Water Agency Storm Water and Non-Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (referred to as "proposed Order"). This item will be open for public comment between May 22, 2009 and June 25, 2009. This is the second draft of the proposed Order and modifications to the first draft are highlighted in the second draft. The Fact Sheet is a new document and should be reviewed in its entirety.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public meeting to consider the proposed Order is scheduled for July 22-23, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board office, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the public meeting, the Regional Water Board will receive testimony summarizing timely submitted written comments and provide any direction to staff on the proposed Order prior to adoption in October.

On October 1, 2009, the Regional Water Board will consider adopting Order No. R1-2009-0050 at a public hearing held at the Regional Water Board office located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California.

All comments on the proposed Order must be received by June 25, 2009. Prior to adopting the proposed Order, the Regional Water Board will consider evidentiary material concerning the proposed Order, including any documents, such as written technical reports and other evidentiary material, if it is received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on June 25, 2009, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403. All documents that are received by that date will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons prior to the adoption of the proposed Order on October 1, 2009. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

All designated parties who plan to present testimony at the hearing(s) must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board no later than June 25, 2009. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony.

The regulations governing adjudicatory proceedings also allow the Regional Water Board to provide an opportunity for presentation of policy statements or comments by interested persons who are not participating as parties in the proceeding, and may require that any such statement be submitted prior to the hearing. (23 Cal. Code Regs. § 648.1) Any person interested in providing comments on the proposed Order must submit those to the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2009. It is not necessary to resubmit any comments or materials that have already been submitted specifically in response to the proposed Order, as these have already been incorporated into the administrative record. Written material and comments will be available on the Regional Water Board website prior to the July 22-23, 2009 meeting.

Written material received after June 25, 2009 will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4). No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at the public meetings.

The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than 20 minutes each for the designated parties (Regional Water Board staff will have 20 minutes and the Co-Permittees will split an allotted 20 minutes) and three minutes each for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Any objections to the proposed procedures must be submitted to the Regional Water Board Executive Officer by July 1, 2009.

Document Review

The proposed Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, or at our web site: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/hot_topics/santa_rosa_ms4_np_des_stormwater_permit/. Appointments are recommended for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. Please contact Mona Dougherty at (707) 570-3761 or mdougherty@waterboards.ca.gov with questions about the proposed Order.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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