

State Water Resources Control Board

REVISED

STATEWIDE BIOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES POLICY and PROGRAM OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR PERENNIAL, WADEABLE STREAMS

Notice of California Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meetings September 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) have scheduled California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public meetings to discuss and solicit comments and suggestions from the public on a proposed Statewide Biological Objectives Policy and Program of Implementation for Perennial, Wadeable Streams. These public meetings will be held at four locations around the state in September 2012. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the meetings or view the meeting held in Sacramento via webcast.

At the meetings, State Water Board staff will seek comments from the public on the scope, content, and potential environmental effects of the proposed Policy and Program of Implementation. Public comments will assist the State Water Board in developing this new regulatory program.

SACRAMENTO

Friday, September 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
State Water Resources Control Board
Coastal Hearing Room (2nd Floor)
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
[Click here for directions](#)

This meeting will be webcast via the Internet.

[Click here for webcast information.](#)

REDDING

Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
CalTrans Office
Lassen Training Room/Conference Room/
D-2 West Venture
1031 Butte Street
Redding, CA 96001

Free public parking for this meeting location is available in the adjacent parking garage.

[Click here for directions](#)

OAKLAND

Friday, September 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board
Auditorium (Ground Floor)
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

[Click here for directions](#)

RIVERSIDE

Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Santa Ana Regional Water Board
Highgrove Room (2nd Floor)
3737 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

The directions link for this location has been updated:

[Click here for directions](#)

Although a quorum of State Water Board members may be present, the Board will not take any action at these meetings. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in biological objectives about this new policy and the upcoming meetings.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting documents are available on the State Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/biological_objective.shtml

You may also receive a paper copy of scoping materials by contacting Karen Larsen, Office of Information Management and Analysis, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 319-9769; or at klarsen@waterboards.ca.gov. Other questions also should be addressed to Ms. Larsen.

Persons interested in receiving notice of public meetings about the Statewide Biological Objectives Policy and Program of Implementation may subscribe to the State Water Board's electronic mailing list (check the box next to "Biological Objectives" under the "Water Quality Topics" section) at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Pursuant to CEQA, appropriate documentation will be prepared to analyze any potential adverse environmental effects associated with the proposed Statewide Biological Objectives Policy and Program of Implementation. The public meetings also serve as CEQA scoping meetings to solicit public input on the scope of the environmental analysis to be included in the CEQA document. Comments should be limited to assisting the State Water Boards to identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in the project environmental document and to eliminate issues that do not need to be evaluated in depth.

Oral comments received at the public meetings regarding the environmental analysis will be considered when preparing the CEQA document.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments electronically. Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Written comments **must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 19, 2012** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Statewide Biological Objectives Policy – CEQA Scoping Comments.**"


Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel who will contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

ACCESSIBILITY

All meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations, please call Michele Villados at (916) 341-5881 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929; or voice line (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA building in Sacramento (where the September 17 meeting will be held) are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to security requirements. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, and then proceed to the Coastal Hearing Room.

August 2, 2012
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board