
State Water Resources Control Board

SECOND REVISED
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
COMPOSTING OPERATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (General Order) and the draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The State Water Board may certify the EIR and adopt the General Order at the end of this meeting. Details of the meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 July 7, 2015– 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is preparing a General Order for composting operations. The General Order will be used by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to streamline permitting and protect water quality. The General Order includes conditions that address appropriate water quality protection measures at existing and proposed composting operations.

The project may have significant effects on agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, and utilities. The draft EIR analyzes potential impacts associated with the adoption of the proposed General Order and reasonably attempts to identify potential mitigation measures to address any identified significant impacts.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The draft EIR, General Order, and previous notices are available for review online at:
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/.

For those without internet access, please contact Ms. Leslie Graves at (916) 341-5810 or by email at: Composting@waterboards.ca.gov to obtain the documents.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The written comment period ended at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, March 2, 2015.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the public meeting there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENDING GENERAL ORDERS

This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf.

Any communications between interested persons and board members (other than at a noticed board meeting or submitted as a comment letter in compliance with the public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. Sample disclosure forms are available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf. Beginning July 28, 2015, ex parte communications between interested persons and board members concerning this item are prohibited.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board web site at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public meeting at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public meeting will be noticed on the State Water Board electronic mailing list (Lyris list). Any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed General Order and EIR, including any changes to the notice of public meeting and consideration of adoption, must sign up for Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, select "Water Quality" category, check the box for "Composting Operations," and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the proposed General Order and/or CEQA documents to Ms. Leslie Graves by telephone at (916) 341-5810 or by email at Composting@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 1, 2015

Date



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