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State Water Resources Control Board

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### Public Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting to Support the Development of Water Loss Performance Standards

Monday, September 23, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public stakeholder workgroup meeting to receive input prior to initiating the formal rulemaking process for the development of water loss performance standards. Interested persons can provide input at the meeting or via email to the contact specified in this notice. This is an informal stakeholder meeting where a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but the State Water Board will take no formal action. The meeting will be webcast. The meeting will be followed by a three-week comment period on the economic model and other information presented at the workshop. Please send your comments to the contact provided in this notice by Monday, October 14, 2019, by 12:00 noon.

#### BACKGROUND

Water Code [Section 10608.34, subdivision \(i\)](#) (Senate Bill (SB) 555, 2015) requires the State Water Board to develop volumetric performance standards for water loss for urban retail water suppliers by July 1, 2020. Pursuant to section 10608.34, urban retail water suppliers are already required to submit annual water loss audit reports to the Department of Water Resources.

The State Water Board will use available data, including water loss estimates from water loss audit reports, data on water systems from Electronic Annual Reports, and available literature and input from stakeholders and experts, to develop performance standards that comply with Water Code section 10608.34, subdivision (i) and also can integrate seamlessly into future rules to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 1668 and SB 606 (2018).

The State Water Board has conducted five public stakeholder workgroup [meetings](#) to obtain input and provide information regarding the performance standards. The first public stakeholder workgroup meeting was held in Sacramento in March 2018 and included discussions and presentations on the interpretation of water loss audit data, an overview of the rulemaking timeline, and the sections pertaining to SB 555 in the Electronic Annual Reports. The second meeting was held in Oakland in June 2018 and focused on existing technologies for reducing water loss and their potential for implementation depending on various water distribution system characteristics. The third meeting was held in Los Angeles in September 2018 and included discussions on costs and benefits associated with water loss control, and overviews of water loss control programs by two California urban retail water suppliers. The fourth stakeholder meetings, which was held twice - in Sacramento and Los Angeles in February 2019, provided an overview of the proposed regulatory framework for the performance standards. In the fifth stakeholder meeting, held in Sacramento in June 2019, State Water Board staff provided an overview and solicited input on the economic framework and data inputs proposed to be used for determining the performance standards.

### **MEETING PURPOSE**

This stakeholder meeting will provide a detailed overview of the proposed regulatory and economic framework, and the analysis and calculations proposed to be employed for determining each urban retail water supplier's volumetric performance standards. Staff will seek input on the various components and default assumptions of this economic framework. The meeting will also include a panel discussion on the proposed framework and alternate approaches for setting water loss standards. Staff will publicly release the economic framework and explanatory documents by September 16, 2019 through the email list provided below. If you have not already, we encourage you to sign up for this email list. Comments on the content of the meeting and the released documents must be provided to the contact provided in this notice by Monday, October 14, 2019 by 12:00 noon.

- State Water Resources Control Board's 'Water Conservation Regulations' email list - You can subscribe to this email list at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html)

### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

Please refer to this link for a location of the building and parking information: <https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance on 10th Street. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance. The venue is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

### **NOTICE AND AGENDA**

The notice and additional information on the agenda are available at the State Water Board's water loss program webpage: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/water\\_loss\\_control.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/water_loss_control.html)

## WEBCAST

To access the webcast for this meeting please visit the following link:

<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

## SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The deadline for submission of written comments is Monday, October 14, by 12:00 noon. Comment letters may be submitted electronically in pdf format, less than 15 megabytes, to Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board at:

[commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) . Please indicate in the subject line: "Comment Letter – Water Loss Regulation."

Comment letters may be submitted by mail to the attention of:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board,  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

## CONTACT

Please direct questions about this notice to:

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board