NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2017 INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) FOR THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) AND REVISED GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSITION 1 – CHAPTER 5, SECTION 79723

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider adopting the FFY 2017 IUP for the CWSRF Program and revised guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1 – Chapter 5, Section 79723 under the Small Community Grant Fund (SCGF) Program as early as the Tuesday, June 20, 2017 Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The CWSRF Program provides low-cost financing statewide for wastewater treatment and recycling, non-point source, estuary, storm water, and combined sewer system projects. The SCGF program, including funds from Proposition 1 – Chapter 5, Section 79723, provides grants to small disadvantaged communities for CWSRF eligible wastewater projects.

The FFY 2017 CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board’s state fiscal year (SFY) 2017-18 business plan for the CWSRF and SCGF programs, including any revised guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1 – Chapter 5, Section 79723. It specifically identifies the available funding, the projects the State Water Board anticipates financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the CWSRF and SCGF program performance.

The FFY 2017 CWSRF IUP is required by federal statutes and regulations, and will be included in the application submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the FFY 2017 Capitalization Grant. The guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1-Chapter 5, Section 79723 under the SCGF program are required by applicable State statutes.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft FFY CWSRF 2017 IUP is available for review on the State Water Board’s website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/index.shtml.

(To receive email notifications about future IUPs and other information related to the CWSRF Program, go to the State Water Board’s Lyris Subscription website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and select “Clean Water State Revolving Fund.”)
SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed FFY 2017 CWSRF IUP. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line “Comment Letter – June 20, 2017 Board Meeting – FFY 2017 CWSRF IUP”. Written comments must be received by 12:00 noon on May 22, 2017 and should be addressed to:

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

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted written materials.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

If the Board adopts the FFY 2017 CWSRF IUP, the adopted IUP will be submitted to the U.S. EPA as part of the Board’s application for the FFY 2017 Capitalization Grant.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the website: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5881 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; it can be accessed at https://video.calepa.ca.gov/. 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 security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Romana Wortell at (916) 449-5552 or CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: April 20, 2017

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board