

State Water Resources Control Board

SECOND REVISED
NOTICE OF ADOPTION MEETING

**DRAFT STORM WATER RESOURCE PLAN GUIDELINES
AND
DRAFT PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES**

(This notice amends the Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Notice of Workshops, and Notice of Adoption Meeting Issued on August 28, 2015 by providing a new date for the Adoption Meeting and by providing that the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding Guidelines will be considered at the same meeting.)

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) circulated draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines (Plan Guidelines), issued in accordance with Water Code sections 10561, 10561.5, 10562, 10563, 10565, and 10573 (Senate Bill 985, Pavley, Statutes of 2014), and draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding Guidelines (Funding Guidelines), issued in accordance with Water Code section 79747 (Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014) for public comment on August 28, 2015. A public workshop was held on October 7, 2015 and the deadline for submission of written comments was 12:00 noon on October 13, 2015.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public Board Meeting to consider adoption of the Plan Guidelines and Funding Guidelines. Details of the State Water Board Meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 ~~Tuesday, December 1, 2015~~ – 9:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines

The purpose of the Plan Guidelines is to establish guidance for the development of Storm Water Resource Plans in accordance with Water Code section 10565. Water Code section 10563(c)(1) requires a public agency to develop a Storm Water Resource Plan (Plan) as a condition of receiving funds from any bond approved by voters after January 2014. Proposition 1 is a water bond measure that, among other funds, authorized \$200 million in grants for multi-benefit storm water management projects.

Existing planning documents (i.e. watershed management plans, integrated regional water management plans, urban water management plans, or similar plans) that include storm water and dry weather runoff capture and use as a component of its goals and objectives may be

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utilized as functionally equivalent plans; if a planning document does not meet the standards of Water Code section 10560 et seq., a collection of local and regional plans may constitute a functional equivalent if the plans collectively meet the requirements of the Water Code section 10562(c).

The Plan Guidelines will serve as guidance for entities preparing a Storm Water Resource Plan, and assist the State Water Board and other bond fund-dispensing agencies in administering funds for storm water management projects. As proposed, the Plan Guidelines do not serve as a commitment to any specific project. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15378(b)(4).)

Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding Guidelines

The purpose of the Funding Guidelines is to establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit applications, evaluate and select proposals, and award grants for multi-benefit storm water management projects funded by the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding program. Water Code section 79747 (Proposition 1, Chapter 7) provides \$200 million in grant funds for multi-benefit storm water management projects to assist in adapting water infrastructure systems to climate change and to provide incentives for water agencies throughout each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources. After bond and program administration costs, approximately \$186 million will be available for projects. The Funding Guidelines may also be used to award approximately \$25 million of unused or re-appropriated Proposition 13, Proposition 40, Proposition 50, and Proposition 84 funds to qualifying storm water management projects.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Plan Guidelines, Draft Funding Guidelines, and all related documents are available for review online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/.

Proposed revisions to the Draft Plan Guidelines and Draft Funding Guidelines, based on comments received, will be circulated via electronic mail distribution (see Future Notices below) and posted on the web site prior to the December 15, 2015, Board Meeting.

You may request a paper copy of the Draft Plan Guidelines by contacting Ms. Rachael Pontious at (916) 341-6914 or Rachael.Pontious@waterboards.ca.gov.

You may request a paper copy of the Draft Funding Guidelines by e-mailing the Division of Financial Assistance at: DFA_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov.

Additional information on the public meetings can be found on the State Water Board web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the December 15, 2015 Board Adoption Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Plan Guidelines and Funding Guidelines. Participants will be given an opportunity to speak to the Board directly during the Board Workshop and summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations during the Board Adoption Meeting. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

No new evidence (e.g. photographs, data, testimony) may be submitted at the Board Adoption Meeting and all comments will be treated as non-evidentiary policy statements. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral

presentations at the Board Adoption Meeting 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.

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. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (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>. Individuals requiring special accommodations to attend the public outreach meetings held outside of the CalEPA Building are requested to contact Rachael Pontious at the State Water Board by email at Rachael.pontious@waterboards.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 341-6914 or to contact the facilities directly.

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 provided on the State Water Board electronic mailing list. Notice of any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the Plan Guidelines and/or the Funding Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.
To subscribe, select the "Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)" category, then check the box for "Storm Water Grant Program," and provide the required information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the Plan Guidelines to Ms. Rachael Pontious at (916) 341-5523 or Rachael.Pontious@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please direct all questions regarding the Funding Guidelines to Ms. Michele Stebbins at (916) 341-5665 or Michele.Stebbins@waterboards.ca.gov.

November 6, 2015
Date



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Clerk to the Board