
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR
OCEAN WATERS AND ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES TO ADDRESS
DESALINATION FACILITIES AND BRINE DISPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff has scheduled a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public scoping meeting for proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan) and the Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California (Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan). The meeting will be held at the location and time specified below. The purpose of this meeting is to seek input on the scope and content of the environmental information that should be included in the draft substitute environmental documentation prepared to support the amendments.

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the scoping meeting. No action will be taken by the State Water Board at the scoping meeting.

**Friday, March 30, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Joe Serna, Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

An informational scoping document explaining the proposed amendments, and other relevant documents, are available electronically on the State Water Board Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/desalination/

SUBMISSION OF CEQA SCOPING COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the scope and content of the information that should be included in the substitute environmental documentation. Comments should be limited to identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in-depth in the substitute environmental documentation.

Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on April 6, 2012**. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments. Please address comments to the attention of Joanna Jensen, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, 15th Floor, P. O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comment letters may be submitted via email to Ms. Jensen at jjensen@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size). Please indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Desalination Facilities and Brine Disposal.**" Electronic submission by email in pdf text format is preferred. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel. Questions on comment submittal may be directed to Ms. Jensen at (916) 341-5582.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions and parking information, please refer to: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. The facilities will be 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. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice (800) 735-2929; voice to TDD (800) 735-2922.

The meeting will be webcast live at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. Approximately 15 minutes prior to the event (Pacific Time), the audio and/or video Webcast links will be added, providing a direct audio/video feed from the meeting room. Remember to test your connection prior to connecting to a Webcast. These Webcasts are generally not recorded for later use.

All visitors 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 Cal/EPA Building's 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 Sierra Hearing Room.

Date March 21, 2012

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