

## STATEWIDE SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW (SSO) REDUCTION PROGRAM

### SSO PROGRAM REVIEW AND UPDATE

To provide a consistent, statewide approach to address Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems, Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ (the SSO Order) on May 2, 2006. The SSO Program implements this Order with the goal of reducing SSOs occurring throughout the state. Public agencies that own or operate sanitary sewer systems more than 1 mile in length are required to enroll for coverage under the SSO Order, develop and implement sewer system management plans, and report any SSOs to a State Water Board online database.

The following information is intended to provide enrollees with more information about the State Water Board's SSO Program Review and Update process.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### ***Q1. Why is the State Water Board conducting the SSO Program Review and Update?***

**Answer:** To maintain consistency with current policies, regulations, and statutes and, consistent with the goals and objectives contained in the State Water Resources Control Board 2008-2012 Strategic Plan Update, the Water Boards are committed to enhance consistency on an ongoing basis to ensure our regulatory processes are fair, effective, efficient, and predictable. To achieve this, periodic review and update of existing regulatory programs such as the Statewide SSO Reduction Program is necessary.

#### ***Q2. What public process is planned for the SSO Program Review and Update?***

**Answer:** To solicit comments, the State Water Board will accept comment letters until 5pm on October 19, 2009 and hold two public meetings for the SSO Program Review and Update, one in northern California and one in southern California. Following these public meetings and the comment letter deadline, staff will review the comments and draft revisions to be made to the Order. Staff will distribute the proposed draft Order for public comments and then present it at a Board public workshop to be held in late 2009. The final proposed draft Order will be presented to the State Water Board in early 2010.

#### ***Q3. When will the State Board be holding public meetings for the SSO Program Review and Update?***

**Answer:** *(First public meeting)*

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

**1:30pm to 5:30pm**

Orange County Sanitation District, Plant 1 Board Room

10844 Ellis Avenue

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

*(Second public meeting)*

**Tuesday, September 29, 2009**

**1:30pm to 5:30pm**

Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium  
1515 Clay Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

***Q4. How do I get more information or become involved with the SSO Program Review and Update?***

**Answer:** More information about the SSO Program Review and Update will be posted on the State Water Board's SSO Program website ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ss0/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ss0/index.shtml)). Additionally, you may wish to sign-up for our email list serve dedicated for the SSO Program Review and Update at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)

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