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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the California Department of Transportation (Department or Caltrans) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit (Proposed Permit Amendment) to implement requirements of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments on the Proposed Permit Amendment. The date, time and location of the public hearing is:

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public meeting to consider adopting the Proposed Permit Amendment. The date, time and location of the public meeting for consideration of adoption is:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Storm water runoff from the Department's highway transportation system is regulated under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State Water Board under authority delegated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The State Water Board adopted a revised NPDES permit for the Department on September 19, 2012 (Order 2012-0011-DWQ). The NPDES permit requires the Department to comply with all adopted and approved TMDLs for which the Department has been assigned a Waste Load Allocation, or which specify the Department as a responsible party. The Proposed Permit Amendment will open and modify the NPDES permit to incorporate TMDL-specific implementation requirements for those TMDLs.

The Proposed Amendment specifies the implementation requirements for eight categories of pollutants addressing all TMDLs to which the Department is subject. This includes 85 TMDLs that are identified in the existing NPDES permit, additional TMDLs approved after the September 2012 permit adoption, and TMDLs that were inadvertently omitted.

The scope of the Proposed Permit Amendment is limited to incorporation of TMDL-specific implementation requirements for the Department; no other issues will be considered in these proceedings, and written comments must be limited to the revisions as contained in the proposed documents. The State Water Board is not required to respond to comments on issues raised outside the scope of the Proposed Permit Amendment. During the public comment period, the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to accept oral comment on the Proposed Permit Amendment followed by consideration of adoption at a subsequent meeting.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The 2012 NPDES Permit and documents pertaining to the Proposed Permit Amendment are located at the following link:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.shtml

A hard copy of the relevant documents may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Jaime Favila at (916) 341-5482 or jaime.favila@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments electronically. Comment letters can be submitted by e-mail to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620 with the subject "**Comment Letter – Proposed Caltrans Permit Amendment.**" Written comments also may be submitted by mail to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

or hand-delivered to the following address:

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

Written comments must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on **Friday, March 28, 2014.**

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING

At the public hearing, State Water Board staff will provide a brief overview of the Proposed Permit Amendment. Interested persons will have an opportunity to address the Board. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. Interested persons are expected to limit their oral comments to the Proposed Permit Amendment and are encouraged to summarize their written submissions.

The State Water Board will consider adoption of the Proposed Permit Amendment at a subsequent adoption meeting, currently scheduled for May 20, 2014. No new evidence (e.g. photographs, data, testimony) may be submitted at the adoption meeting and all comments will be treated as non-evidentiary policy statements.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's Web site at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

The Cal/EPA Headquarters 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. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

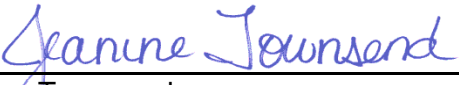
The State Water Board will hold the public hearing and consider adoption at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public hearing and consideration of adoption will be noticed on the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Proposed Permit Amendment, including any changes to the notice of public hearing and consideration of adoption, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for the Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, select the box for Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues, and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Mr. Walt Shannon, Chief of the Municipal Storm Water Unit at (916) 341-5497 or walt.shannon@waterboards.ca.gov, or to Mr. Jaime Favila at (916) 341-5482 or jaime.favila@waterboards.ca.gov.

February 11, 2014

Date



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Clerk to the Board