
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC WORKSHOP, AND PUBLIC HEARING

DRAFT STATEWIDE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT AND DRAFT TIME SCHEDULE ORDER FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public written comments on the: (1) draft Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit, and (2) draft Time Schedule Order, for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will hold a public workshop to provide information and answer questions regarding the draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit and draft Time Schedule Order on:

Friday, July 9, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Video and Teleconference Meeting Only
No Physical Meeting Location

Information for participating in the public workshop will be distributed via the Lyris email list described under the “Future Notices” section below and posted on the [State Water Board Department of Transportation Stormwater Program page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html).
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A quorum of the State Water Board may be present at the public workshop; however, no State Water Board action will be taken at the public workshop.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public input and comments on the draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit and draft Time Schedule Order. The public hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
Video and Teleconference Only
No Physical Meeting Location
(Authorized and in furtherance of Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20)
Video Broadcast: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

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Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution will be available at least 10 days before the hearing at the Remote Meeting page (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/)

This public hearing is currently scheduled to take place via video and teleconference only, but the format may be changed in the future to also allow for in-person attendance. Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public hearing should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list, as described below under Future Notices.

A quorum of the State Water Board will be present at the public hearing. No State Water Board action will be taken at the public hearing.

BACKGROUND

In September 2012, the State Water Board adopted the existing Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit, which superseded the previous 1999 statewide permit. The existing Permit was amended in April 2014 to implement total maximum daily loads, adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in which the Department is named as a responsible party. The existing Permit provides the Department through the year 2034 to comply with the requirements of the total maximum daily loads.

Since the adoption of the existing 2012 permit, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, State Water Board, and Regional Water Boards have adopted new regulations, policies, and resolutions applicable to NPDES stormwater permits. The draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit proposes to update the existing permit per new regulations, policies, and resolutions.

The draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit implements new and updated requirements for 96 total maximum daily loads. The Department has indicated that it continues to need up through 2034 to comply with 60 of the 96 total maximum daily loads. The draft Time Schedule Order proposes to provide the Department up through December 31, 2034 to comply with the identified 60 total maximum daily loads contained in proposed draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit, draft Time Schedule Order, and corresponding information and documents are available on the [State Water Board Department of Transportation Stormwater Program page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.html).

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments and oral comments regarding this item. Oral comments must be made at the public hearing. Written comment letters must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, August 27, 2021**. Written comment letters must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

Electronic comment letters may be submitted in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If an electronic file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. All comment letters must have the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposed Draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit.”**

The State Water Board will not accept any additional comments or evidence after the public comment deadline.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the public hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time limited. Participants planning to use a PowerPoint slide presentation must submit the file electronically, in .ppt. format, to the Clerk via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Please indicate in the subject line **“Power Point Presentation – Proposed Draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit.”**

Presentation recommendations are available at the [State Water Board presentations page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml/).

The State Water Board will schedule a meeting subsequent to the public hearing at which the Board will consider adoption of the draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit and draft Time Schedule Order.

PUBLIC HEARING WEBCAST INFORMATION

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page](https://video.calepa.ca.gov/) (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>). The public hearing will be recorded.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any changes to the comment period, public workshop, or public hearing will be publicly noticed on the State Water Board website and through the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit and draft Time Schedule Order, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list by completing the subscription form located on the [State Water Board email subscription page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) as follows:

1. Access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed above,

2. Click the "Water Quality" tab,
3. Check the box for "Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues,"
4. Fill in the required information, and
5. Click "Subscribe."


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Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. Broadcasts of the public staff workshop and public hearing will be available via internet and can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice, or requests for a paper copy of the draft Statewide Caltrans Stormwater Permit and Time Schedule Order, to Sheena Dhillon at Sheena.Dhillon@waterboards.ca.gov.

June 25, 2021
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board