

## State Water Resources Control Board

# NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) (IMPLEMENTING REGION-SPECIFIC TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REQUIREMENTS)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is extending the public comment period on the proposed amendment to the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small MS4s (Small MS4 General Permit). The proposed amendment to the existing Small MS4 General Permit addresses the implementation of 73 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

The previous notice issued on June 5, 2017 can be found at the State Water Board website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/phase\\_ii\\_municipal/notice\\_small\\_ms4\\_gen.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/phase_ii_municipal/notice_small_ms4_gen.pdf)

### SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO:

**12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, August 21, 2017**

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The State Water Board adopted the Small MS4 General Permit (Order 2013-0001-DWQ) on February 5, 2013. Through sections E.15.c and F.5.i.3 of the Small MS4 General Permit, the State Water Board directed the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to review Attachment G –Region-Specific Requirements, and propose revisions to implement existing TMDL requirements. State Water Board staff developed the proposed amendment based on Regional Water Board staff recommendations and small MS4 permittee feedback. The proposed amendment revises the TMDL implementation requirements in Attachment G and modifies the corresponding Findings, Provisions, and Fact Sheet of the Small MS4 General Permit accordingly. The proposed amendment additionally makes a revision to the annual reporting program to add a due date for submission of the annual reports.

### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment is available in underline/strikeout format to more easily identify the proposed changes; a clean version of Attachment G is also available. The proposed amendment and the existing Small MS4 General Permit may be found on our website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/phase\\_ii\\_municipal.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml).

Interested persons may request a paper copy of the proposed amendment and/or the existing Small MS4 General Permit by contacting Mr. Bill Hereth at (916) 341-5688 or [bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov).

## SCOPE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

This Notice provides an extension of the review period of the proposed amendment.

Public comments in response to this Notice must be limited to the proposed revisions in the following portions of the existing Small MS4 General Permit:

- (1) Finding 40,
- (2) Section E.13.b. – TMDL Monitoring,
- (3) Section E.15. – Total Maximum Daily Loads Compliance Requirements,
- (4) Section E.16.a. – Annual Reporting Program,
- (5) Section F.5.i. – Total Maximum Daily Loads Compliance Requirements,
- (6) Section F.5.j.2. – Online Annual Reporting,
- (7) The Fact Sheet, and
- (8) Attachment G – Region-specific TMDL Requirements

The State Water Board will not consider public comments outside the scope of the proposed amendment. The State Water Board is not required to respond to public comments on issues raised outside the scope of the proposed amendment.

## SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit their written comments electronically. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, August 21, 2017** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk via email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Small MS4 Permit Amendment.”**

Individuals hand delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who will contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

## FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future public notices regarding the proposed amendment, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for the Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, check the box for “storm water municipal permitting issues” under the heading of Water Quality, then fill in the required information. The subscription form is at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Bill Hereth at (916) 341-5688 or [bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date July 20, 2017

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board