NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board will conduct a workshop to consider comments on the

DRAFT GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)

The Public Workshop will commence on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA  95814

SUBJECT OF THE WORKSHOP
The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released for public comment a draft General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small MS4s (Tentative Order). The State Water Board will hold a public workshop to consider oral comments on the Tentative Order. This workshop is being held in addition to, not in place of, the Public Hearing on the Tentative Order, which is still expected to be held in November.

BACKGROUND
On December 8, 1999, U.S. EPA promulgated the Storm Water Phase II Final Rule under authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) § 402(p)(6). The regulations require the State Water Board to issue an NPDES permit for operators of Small MS4s. The Tentative Order updates the existing General Permit, SWRCB, Water Quality Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ, NPDES General Permit CAS000004.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS
A quorum of the State Water Board may be present at the workshop, but no formal Board action will be taken. After receiving information from the public, the State Water Board may provide direction to staff regarding modifications to the Tentative Order.

The Tentative Order was noticed for public comment on June 7, 2011. Written comments are due by noon, August 8, 2011. Please note that this notice does not extend the public comment period. Interested parties are encouraged to summarize their written comments at the workshop. The Board may impose time limits on oral comments. Documents related to this workshop are available electronically at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml

Live video broadcast of the workshop will be available at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/
In an effort to reduce reliance on paper mailings, notices and other information distributed by the State Water Board are provided primarily by email. To receive the follow-up information on this workshop, you must subscribe to the Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues notification list located on the State Water Board’s website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. An interested party that does not have access to e-mail must contact the staff member listed below to request paper copies of future notices.

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HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ms. Christine Sotelo at (916) 322-1400 or csotelo@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 18, 2011
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Date Clerk to the Board