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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR STANDARDIZED COST REPORTING IN MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMITS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Board will consider adoption of Final Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report at its January 22, 2025 Board meeting. If the Final Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy is adopted, it will be sent to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval and would become effective on or about April 1, 2025. The date, time, and location for the Board meeting are provided below:

**State Water Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 - 9:00 am  
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor  
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
And via Video and Teleconference**

**POLICY OVERVIEW:** The Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) staff released a Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy in August 2023 that proposed a statewide cost reporting framework for Phase I and traditional Phase II MS4 permittees (Permittees). If adopted, the policy would require Permittees to use a list of standardized cost categories to track their MS4 permit implementation costs. In addition, the policy would require Permittees to report annual expenditures for implementing their MS4 permits using a statewide cost data portal. The goal of the proposed policy is to increase the understanding of costs associated with various MS4 permit elements and inform future permit requirements. Staff released a draft policy on August 17, 2023, for a 45-day public comment period. From May 1 to November 15, 2023, Staff also conducted a 6-month beta test of the proposed cost reporting framework in which 11 MS4 Permittees participated and provided detailed feedback. Staff revised the draft policy based on the first round of public comments, feedback from the beta test participants, and additional outreach and engagement with interested parties. Staff released a Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy on May 9, 2024, for a 60-day (second round) public comment period, followed by a public hearing on June 4, 2024.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Copies of the Final Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy, Staff Report, and Staff Response to Public Comments will be posted on the State Water Board's [website](#) on or before **December 17, 2024**. The public will also be

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notified of the release of the Final Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy, Staff Report and Staff Response to Public Comments through the e-mail distribution list as provided below.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OVERVIEW:** During the Board meeting, STORMS staff will summarize the comments received and outline any proposed revisions on the Revised Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report in response to the comments. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to comment orally at the board meeting. Although public comment will be allowed at the Board meeting, the Board will not accept any additional evidence into the record. To ensure all interested parties have an opportunity to participate, the Board Chair may limit the time allowed for each speaker.

**BOARD MEETING PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public interested in joining the Board meeting or providing oral comments, please follow [the remote participation guidelines](#). For in-person participation, please reference the [State Water Board Information and Calendar webpage](#) and information in the “DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY” section below.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS:** The State Water Board will make the Final Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report available and present it to the State Water Board for consideration of adoption at the times and place noted above. Any change to the items noticed above will be noticed through the below-identified e-mail distribution lists, and on the State Water Board’s webpages.

Any person desiring to receive future notices must subscribe to the e-mail distribution list located on the [Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater website](#) (click on the “Stay Informed” button to subscribe).

**DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY:** The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation(s) are requested to call (916) 341-5572 at least 10 business days before the meeting. Individuals who have limitations hearing or speaking may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (teletypewriter) or (800) 735-2922 (voice).

The meeting in this notice will be offered in English. For language assistance, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting date by contacting program staff at [STORMS@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:STORMS@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line “Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy Language Services.”

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 20 minutes to receive security clearance.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please direct questions regarding this notice, the Final Draft Proposed Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report to Amanda Magee, Senior Engineering Geologist at [Amanda.Magee@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.Magee@waterboards.ca.gov), or Nabiul Afrooz, Water Resource Control Engineer at [Nabiul.Afrooz@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nabiul.Afrooz@waterboards.ca.gov).

December 3, 2024  
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