
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

PROPOSED FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA TO CONTROL TRASH AND PART 1 TRASH PROVISIONS OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR INLAND SURFACE WATERS, ENCLOSED BAYS, AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA AND PROPOSED FINAL STAFF REPORT INCLUDING THE SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public meeting to consider: (1) adoption of the proposed Final Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Ocean Waters of California to Control Trash and Part 1 Trash Provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (ISWEBE Plan) (collectively referred to as the “Trash Amendments”), and (2) approval of the Final Staff Report, including the Substitute Environmental Documentation. The State Water Board is not providing a written comment period for the revisions made to the proposed Final Trash Amendments and proposed Final Staff Report released on December 31, 2014; therefore written comments will not be considered. Interested parties may provide oral comments at the public meeting. The date, time, and location of the public meeting for consideration of adoption is:

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

Trash is a significant pollutant in California’s waters that adversely affects beneficial uses, including but not limited to uses that support aquatic life, wildlife, and public health. At present, there are 73 water bodies on the California’s 2008-2010 Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) list of impaired waters for trash or debris across the state. Of the 73 listings of water bodies impaired for trash or debris, only 16 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) have been adopted. A consistent statewide approach to controlling trash discharges into waters of the state is needed.

Since 2007, the State Water Board has been developing proposed Trash Amendments with extensive public participation including: a Public Advisory Group, 14 focused stakeholder meetings, technical peer review, a public workshop on July 16, 2014, and a public hearing on

August 5, 2014. The State Water Board received 76 timely comment letters. Based on comments received during the public workshop, the public hearing, and comment letters, State Water Board distributed electronically to the public and posted to its website the proposed Final Trash Amendments and corresponding Final Staff Report on December 31, 2014.

The provisions in the proposed Final Trash Amendments include the following six elements:

- (1) A narrative water quality objective,
- (2) Corresponding applicability,
- (3) A prohibition of discharge,
- (4) Implementation provisions,
- (5) A time schedule, and
- (6) Monitoring and reporting requirements.

The proposed Trash Amendments will be implemented through National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water permits (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Phase I and Phase II, Department of Transportation, Industrial General Permit, and Construction General Permit), Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), and waivers of WDRs. The Trash Amendments are proposed to apply to all surface waters of the state, with the exception of those waters within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Regional Water Board with trash or debris TMDLs that are in effect prior to the effective date of the Trash Amendments. The objective for the proposed Final Trash Amendments is to provide statewide consistency for the Water Boards' regulatory approach to protect aquatic life, public health, and other beneficial uses, and to reduce environmental issues associated with trash in state waters, while focusing limited resources on high trash generating areas.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Final Amendments to the Ocean Plan, Part 1 Trash Provisions of the ISWEBE Plan, and the proposed Final Staff Report are available on the State Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/trash_control/documentation.shtml.

A hard copy of the proposed Final Amendments and proposed Final Staff Report can be received by mail by contacting Ms. Johanna Weston at johanna.weston@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 327-8117.

Subsequent notice will be provided concerning the availability of the State Water Board's written responses to all written comments timely submitted.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the public meeting at which the State Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Trash Amendments, interested persons will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed Final Trash Amendments and proposed Final Staff Report. Given the extensive public participation provided on the prior draft documents, **comments on the proposed Final Trash Amendments and proposed Final Staff Report will be limited to the proposed revisions made to the Draft Trash Amendments and Draft Staff Report** (distributed and posted on December 31, 2014). 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 meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public meeting for the consideration of 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 Trash Amendments **must subscribe** to the Lyris e-mail list by marking the box for "Trash Plan" (located under the section title, "Water Quality Topics").

The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the State Water Board contact identified below.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building (CalEPA Building) and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's website at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The CalEPA 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 CalEPA 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct any questions about this notice to Ms. Johanna Weston at (916) 327-8117 or johanna.weston@waterboards.ca.gov, or Ms. Stacy Gillespie, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5190 or stacy.gillespie@waterboards.ca.gov.

February 12, 2015

Date



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