
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE RECYCLED WATER POLICY CONCERNING MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTITUENTS OF EMERGING CONCERN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is holding a hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed amendment to the Recycled Water Policy. The proposed amendment would add monitoring requirements for constituents of emerging concern (CECs) in recycled water used for groundwater recharge. It would not add monitoring requirements for CECs in recycled water used for landscape irrigation, although it would add some monitoring requirements for surrogates to evaluate performance of filtration and disinfection processes. The location and time of the hearing are provided below:

October 16, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the [Recycled Water Policy](#) on February 3, 2009, under [Resolution No. 2009-0011](#). The Recycled Water Policy has several provisions that mandate monitoring of CECs in municipal recycled water. CECs are generally unregulated in drinking water and include hormones, pharmaceuticals, personal care products, disinfection by-products, industrial chemicals, household chemicals, pesticides, and metals.

The Recycled Water Policy states that the knowledge regarding CECs is incomplete. Therefore, in accordance with the Recycled Water Policy, a “blue-ribbon” advisory panel (Panel) was established to provide guidance to the State Water Board on future actions related to monitoring CECs in recycled water. The Panel was charged with reviewing the scientific literature regarding CECs in recycled water, describing the current state of scientific knowledge regarding the risks that CECs pose to public health and the environment, and providing recommendations on monitoring CECs for specific recycled water uses.

In June 2010, the Panel submitted a report titled: “[Monitoring Strategies for Chemicals of Emerging Concern \(CECs\) in Recycled Water – Recommendations of a Science Advisory Panel](#)” (Panel Report), which presented recommendations for monitoring CECs in municipal recycled water for the uses of groundwater recharge and landscape irrigation. In December 2010, the State Water Board held a public hearing regarding the Panel Report and received public comments.

In May 2012, staff circulated a proposed amendment to the Recycled Water Policy for public written comment. In June 2012, staff sent the proposed amendment to scientific peer reviewers. The proposed amendment to the Recycled Water Policy is based on the recommendations presented in the Panel Report. The proposed amendment includes CEC monitoring requirements for recycled water used for groundwater recharge. Following the recommendations of the Panel Report, staff did not propose monitoring of individual CECs in recycled water used for landscape irrigation, although staff did propose monitoring of some surrogates. Staff considered written comments submitted by the public before the July 3, 2012, deadline and written comments submitted by scientific peer reviewers, and made revisions to the proposed amendment.

The revised proposed amendment includes changes to the Recycled Water Policy to:

- (a) update the language regarding CECs, including a reference to a new Attachment A.
- (b) provide a reduction in monitoring requirements of priority pollutants for recycled water used for landscape irrigation.
- (c) add an Attachment A prescribing monitoring requirements for CECs and surrogates.

Adoption of the proposed amendment is not a “project” as defined by title 14, California Code of Regulations, chapter 3, Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, since the proposed amendment only concerns monitoring. Hence, approval of an environmental document is not required to adopt the proposed amendment.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The revised proposed amendment to the Recycled Water Policy is available on the State Water Board’s Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/draft_amendment_to_policy.shtml

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the revisions to the proposed amendment to the Recycled Water Policy made after its original release in May 2012. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on October 9, 2012**. They may be submitted electronically in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate on the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Amendment to the Recycled Water Policy”**.

Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The hearing will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants are encouraged to submit written comments prior to the hearing on the changes made to the proposed amendment after its release in May 2012. At the hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient process in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentation may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml at the State Water Board's website.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions to Ms. Melenee Emanuel by telephone at (916) 341-5271 or by e-mail at memanuel@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 14, 2012
Date


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