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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CHANGES TO PROPOSED REGULATION REGARDING MAKING CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE

#### TITLE 23. Waters

#### DIVISION 3. State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards

#### CHAPTER 3.5 – Urban Water Use Efficiency and Conservation

#### ARTICLE 1

#### SUBJECT: MAKING CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) has updated the text of the proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation and is making the changed text available for public comment prior to the Board’s future consideration of adoption of the resulting regulation.

The following is a link to the rulemaking file for this regulation:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/regdocs/water\\_efficiency\\_legislation.html#reg-docs](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regdocs/water_efficiency_legislation.html#reg-docs)

The updated regulation text is labelled “Updated Text of Proposed Regulation” dated March 12, 2024. The proposed text indicates added proposed regulation text with a single underline and deleted proposed regulation text with a strikethrough.

#### **WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS**

[Gov. Code, § 11346.4(a), § 11346.5(a)(15)]

Any interested person may submit written comments on the changes to the proposed regulation to the Clerk to the State Water Board. Any written comments pertaining to the changes to the proposed regulation, regardless of the method of transmittal, must be received by the Clerk by **March 27, 2024**, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment period. Comments received after this date will not be considered timely. Written comments may be submitted via any of the following methods:

1. By email to: [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). The State Water Board requests but does not require that email transmission of comments, particularly those with attachments, contain the regulation package identifier “**Comment Letter—Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation**” in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review of the comment.

2. By fax transmission to: (916) 341-5620. The State Water Board requests but does not require that faxed comments contain the subject line "Comment Letter—Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation."
3. By mail to: Clerk to the Board, Courtney Tyler, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100.
4. Hand-delivered to: Clerk to the Board, Courtney Tyler, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For comments not sent by email, the State Water Board requests, but does not require that written comments be sent by mail, and that hand-delivered written comments be submitted in triplicate.

The State Water Board requests, but does not require, that, if reports or articles in excess of 25 pages are submitted in conjunction with the comments, the commenter provide a summary of the report or article and describe the reason for which the report or article is being submitted or its relevance to the proposed regulation.

All comments, including email or fax transmissions, should include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address in order for the State Water Board to provide the commenter with copies of any future notices regarding this matter. Alternatively, you may sign up for the mailing list for this rulemaking.

To be added to the mailing list for this rulemaking and to receive notification of updates for this rulemaking, you may subscribe to the [GovDelivery list](#) for "Water Conservation Regulations" by selecting "General Interests," then selecting "Water Conservation Regulations."

Due to the limitations of the Board's email system, emails larger than 15 megabytes (MB) may be rejected and will not be delivered and received by the State Water Board. Therefore, emails larger than 15 MB should be submitted under separate emails or via another form of delivery.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.), written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

If you would like to request a copy of the public comment letters received by the Board for this item, send an email to [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) and identify that you are requesting copies of public comments for the proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation.

## **PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

The State Water Board will conduct a public workshop on March 20, 2024, starting at 9:00am. At the workshop, any person may present oral or written comments relevant to the changes to the proposed regulation text, in addition to the written comment opportunity described above. Board staff will provide an overview of the changes to the proposed regulation and updates to key provisions, followed by an opportunity for the public to comment. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the Board will not take formal action at the public workshop.

The meeting will be held at the Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, with the option to participate remotely.

Notices related to this proposed regulation will be sent to those who subscribe to the “Water Conservation Regulations” GovDelivery topic list. Information about the public hearing will be posted on the webpage:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/regs/water\\_efficiency\\_legislation.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/water_efficiency_legislation.html)

## **STATE WATER BOARD CONTACT PERSONS**

[Gov. Code, § 11346.5(a)(14)]

Requests for copies of the updated proposed regulatory text, or other inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to:

Conservation inbox

[ORPP-WaterConservation@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ORPP-WaterConservation@waterboards.ca.gov)

Please identify the regulation by using the State Water Board regulation package identifier “Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation” in any inquiries or written comments.

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Date                      March 12, 2024

  
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Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board