
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PUBLIC HEARING, AND STAFF WORKSHOP

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOSTING OPERATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Composting Operations (General Order) and the draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). The State Water Board may certify the SEIR and adopt the General Order at this hearing. Details of the hearing are provided below.

**State Water Board Hearing
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The General Order and SEIR will be available on the [Composting Operations webpage](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal) on or before **October 31, 2019**. You may request a paper copy of the General Order and SEIR by contacting Ember Christensen at (916) 341-5489 or email Composting@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

State Water Board staff will also accept input and recommendations through written comments. Comments submitted must include the following in the subject line: "Comments—General Order for Commercial Composting Operations." Comments must be received no later than **12:00 noon on December 19, 2019**. Written comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format if less than 15 megabytes in total size, to the [Clerk to the Board email \(commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov\)](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by mail, hand delivery, or fax to (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will hold a workshop to provide the public an opportunity to discuss the General Order and SEIR. State Water Board staff will present information and answer questions related to the General Order and SEIR. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no Board action will be taken.

**Public Workshop
December 11, 2019
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Training Room 1, First Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA. 95814**

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the public hearing where the State Water Board considers adopting the proposed General Order, interested persons will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all interested persons have an opportunity to participate, oral comments at the hearing may be time-limited.

There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. The State Water Board may consider and adopt changes to the proposed General Order consistent with the purpose of the General Order.

EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENDING GENERAL ORDERS

This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in a [Memo from the Office of the Chief Counsel \(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf\)](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf).

Any communications between interested persons and board members (other than at a noticed board meeting or submitted as a comment letter in compliance with the public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. A sample disclosure form is available on the [SWRCB General Order Disclosure Form \(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf\)](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf). Beginning March 3, 2020, ex parte communications between interested persons and board members concerning this item are prohibited.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the [travel to the CalEPA Headquarters Building](https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/) webpage: (<https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>)

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5261 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. Video and audio broadcasts of the meetings will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [Public Meeting Live Webcasts webpage](https://video.calepa.ca.gov): (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>)

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 fifteen minutes for receiving security clearance.

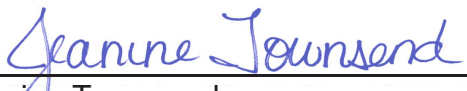
FUTURE NOTICES

The staff workshop and public hearing will be at the times and places noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the staff workshop and public hearing will be noticed on the automated email list. Any person desiring to receive future notices, including any changes to the notice of public comment, staff workshop, and the subsequent hearing for the State Water Board's consideration of adoption, may sign up on the **automated e-mail list**. To sign up for the **automated e-mail list**, access the [Email List Subscription Form](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html) at the web address listed below, select the box for 'Composting Operations' located within the 'Water Quality' section, and provide the required information. The Email List Subscription Form is located at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ember Christensen at (916) 341-5489 or Composting@waterboards.ca.gov.

October 31, 2019
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board