
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO
THE STATEWIDE STORM WATER PERMIT FOR
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the proposed amendment to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Statewide Storm Water Permit for the State of California, Department of Transportation (Permit).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In September 2012, the State Water Board adopted the Permit ([Order 2012-0011-DWQ](#)), which regulates storm water discharges from the State of California Department of Transportation's (Department) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The proposed amendment will:

- 1) Update the analytical methods for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen and Total Phosphorous in the Permit with U.S. EPA's recently promulgated methods,
- 2) Replace discharge locations in the Laguna Point to Latigo Point ASBS with representative monitoring locations,
- 3) Remove the Irvine Coast ASBS locations identified in Attachment III of the Permit,
- 4) Add a provision to allow a Regional Water Board Executive Officer to approve TMDL compliance unit credits for projects that expand treatment of the TMDL pollutant that originates outside of the Right-of-Way, and
- 5) Add a provision to allow the Department to receive compliance units for requirements in accordance with an approved trash implementation plan under the newly adopted Trash Provisions¹ and for the San Francisco Water Board-specific trash implementation requirements.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment is available in underline/strikeout format to more easily identify the proposed changes. The proposed amendment is located on the State Water Board's website at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans.shtml.

¹ Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California to Control Trash (Ocean Plan) and Part 1 Trash Provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (ISWEBE Plan) to be adopted by the State Water Board.

Documents may be downloaded from our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/program/trash_control/documentation.shtml

Interested persons may request a paper copy of the proposed amendment and/or the existing Permit by contacting Jenny Chen at (916) 341-5570 or jenny.chen@waterboards.ca.gov

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments electronically. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, October 30, 2017** and addressed to:

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

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Caltrans Storm Water Permit Amendment.”**

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

OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST HEARING

Any interested person may request in writing before the close of the written comment period that the State Water Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Permit. A request for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Upon review of the request(s), the Executive Director of the State Water Board, at his/her discretion, may schedule a public hearing to take place before consideration of approval of the amendments.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future public notices regarding the proposed amendment, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for the Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, check the box for “Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues” under the heading of Water Quality, then fill in the required information. The subscription form is at:


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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Jenny Chen at (916) 341-5570 or jenny.chen@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 29, 2017

Date



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Clerk to the Board