
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR RESIDUAL AQUATIC PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM ALGAE AND AQUATIC WEED CONTROL APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is proposing to amend the existing Statewide General NPDES Permit for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications (Aquatic Weed Control Permit).¹ The proposed amendment is to grant a regulatory exception to Casitas Municipal Water District from complying with copper receiving water limitations, per section 5.3 of the State Water Board Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California ([State Implementation Policy](#)).

The State Water Board will accept written comments that are limited to the proposed addition of Casitas Municipal Water District to Attachment G of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit – the list of approved entities granted a categorical exception from compliance with copper and acrolein receiving water limitations per section 5.3 of the State Implementation Policy.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the Aquatic Weed Control Permit on March 5, 2013. Section III.B of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit delegates the authority from the State Water Board to the Executive Director to:

- 1) Amend the permit to add new active ingredients currently registered by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the control of aquatic weeds; and
- 2) Grant a regulatory categorical exception to dischargers from complying with receiving water limitations for pesticide active ingredients that are priority pollutants, per the State Implementation Policy.

¹ Water Quality Order 2013-0002-DWQ (as amended by Water Quality Orders 2014-0078-DWQ, 2015-0029-DWQ, 2016-0073-EXEC, 2017-0015-EXEC, 2020-0037-EXEC, and 2022-0056-EXEC); General permit No. CAG990005

Prior to being considered for a categorical exception, a discharger must satisfactorily fulfill the requirements in Section 5.3 of the State Implementation Policy, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. State Water Board staff proposes to amend the Aquatic Weed Control Permit by adding Casitas Municipal Water District to Attachment G of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. The district has satisfactorily complied with section 5.3 of the State Implementation Policy and completed the required CEQA process to obtain the proposed categorical exception for compliance with copper receiving water limitations.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment and related documents are available on the [State Water Board NPDES Pesticides - Weed Control Program Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/weed_control.html).
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SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will only accept written comments regarding the proposed addition of Casitas Water District to Attachment G of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. Comments that address other components of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit will not be accepted. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, September 29, 2023**. Written comments must be addressed to:

Courtney Tyler, 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)

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail 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 in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposed Amendment to Statewide Aquatic Weed Control Permit.”**

Any person wishing to request a public hearing on this matter may submit the request in writing to the above contact, with a subject line indicating: “Request for Public Hearing – Proposed Amendment to Statewide Aquatic Weed Control Permit.”

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Aquatic Weed Control Permit, including any changes to this public notice, should sign up for the e-mail subscription list as follows:

Access the email subscription list at the web address listed below:

[State Water Board email subscription page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)

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- 1) Click the "Water Quality" tab,
- 2) Check the box for "Pesticide Aquatic Weed,"
- 3) Fill in the required information, and
- 4) Press the "Subscribe."

If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in this email list, contact the staff person named below to express your interest in receiving notices by other means.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice or requests for a paper copy of the proposed amendment and related documents to Gurgagn Chand at (916) 341-5780 or

Gurgagn.Chand@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 29, 2023
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board