
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ADOPTION MEETING

DRAFT AMENDED PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comments on the Draft Amended Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) Funding Guidelines (Amended Guidelines), dated December 2020.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adopting the Amended Guidelines as early as the Tuesday, February 2, 2021 State Water Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 1 authorizes \$720 million to the State Water Board to provide competitive grants for projects that prevent or clean up contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water (California Water Code § 79771). The Proposition 1 GWGP Funding Guidelines, which were initially adopted by the State Water Board on May 18, 2016, and amended on December 19, 2017, outline the process to solicit applications, criteria to evaluate and select eligible proposals, and requirements that apply to funded projects.

Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff have proposed amendments to clarify eligibility requirements and funding maximums for drinking water treatment and wastewater projects that benefit disadvantaged communities (DACs), and to broaden the types of wastewater projects that can qualify. These changes are intended to maximize utilization of existing DAC set-aside funds for beneficial projects.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The December 2020 Draft Amended Guidelines are available for review online at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/groundwater_sustainability.html.

You may also request a paper copy of the Draft Amended Guidelines by contacting Ms. Tricia Carter at Tricia.Carter@waterboards.ca.gov.

Staff intends to present the Draft Amended Guidelines to the State Water Board for consideration of adoption at the February 2, 2021 Board Meeting. After reviewing public comments, an updated version will be posted prior to the Board Meeting. This will occur as part of the regular Board Meeting Agenda process, at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the December 2020 Draft Amended Guidelines. To submit written comments, please use the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Guidelines”**. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis, and must be received by **12:00 noon on Monday, January 4, 2021**. Written comments should be submitted to the attention of:

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

Comment letters may be submitted to Clerk to the Board via email (if less than 15 megabytes) at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (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.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, Board Meetings are scheduled to occur via remote presence only.

During the Board Meeting, participants will be given the opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments.

For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available). This webcast should be used unless you intend to comment.

For those who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/

For general recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.html.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any change in the date, time, and format of the adoption meeting or to the public comment period will be provided via the State Water Board email distribution list.

Any person desiring to receive future updates concerning the Amended Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board’s email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:

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

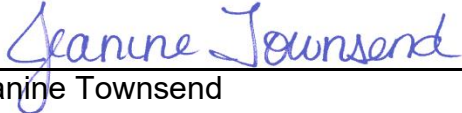
To subscribe, select the “Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)” category, then check the box for “Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance,” and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding this notice and the Amended Guidelines to Ms. Tricia Carter at Tricia.Carter@waterboards.ca.gov.

December 4, 2020

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board