
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED REVISED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES REGARDING UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL, DISCHARGES TO LAND, AND OTHER PROGRAM ISSUES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Revised Memorandum of Agreement (2018 Draft MOA) between the State Water Board and the Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) Regarding Underground Injection Control, Discharges to Land and other Program issues.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider a proposed Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to finalize and execute the 2018 Draft MOA, and any future revisions to the 2018 Draft MOA, during the July 24, 2018 State Water Board meeting (Board Meeting). Details of the Board Meeting are provided below:

**Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

BACKGROUND

The existing MOA between the State Water Board and DOGGR, executed in 1988 (1988 MOA), calls for DOGGR to consult with the State Water Board and the regional water quality control boards (collectively, Water Boards) during its consideration of Class II underground injection control (UIC) project and permit applications and for the Water Boards to consult with DOGGR during its consideration of waste discharge requirements for discharges of produced water from oil and gas operations.

In response to increased involvement of the legislature, the Governor's office, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, oil and gas operators, and the public, the Water Boards' role in the review of UIC project and aquifer exemption proposals has expanded. The 1988 MOA has been revised to reflect developments in how the Water Boards and DOGGR coordinate in administering the state's UIC program, regulate discharges of produced water from oil and gas operations to land, respond to incidents such as spills, take enforcement actions, and handle other related issues. Staff from DOGGR and the Water Boards have met over the last two years to update the 1988 MOA, and have completed a draft of the 2018 Draft MOA.

The 2018 Draft MOA provides a coordinated approach resulting in a single permit satisfying the statutory obligations of DOGGR and Water Boards and ensuring that the injection of Class II fluids and discharges to land of produced water from oil and gas operations do not cause degradation of waters of the State.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The 2018 Draft MOA is available for review on the State Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/groundwater/sb4/announcements.shtml

You may request a paper copy by contacting Ms. Gwyneth Granville at (916) 341-5568 or Gwyneth.Granville@Waterboards.ca.gov

Additional information on the public meeting in Sacramento can be found on the State Water Board web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the 2018 Draft MOA. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter — 2018 Draft MOA Between State Water Board and DOGGR**".

Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Monday, June 25, 2018** and should be addressed to:

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

Comment letters in pdf format less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board 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.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted written materials.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5254 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. An audio broadcast of the Meeting will be available via the internet; it can be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. 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 15 minutes for security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Janice Zinky at (916) 341-5897 or Janice.Zinky@waterboards.ca.gov

Date May 23, 2018



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board