

State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC STAFF WORKSHOPS,
PUBLIC BOARD WORKSHOP**

**AND PROPOSED FIRST REVISED TOXICITY PROVISIONS AND
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
INLAND SURFACE WATERS, ENCLOSED BAYS, AND
ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on or before July 25, 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will make available the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions, which is part of the First Revised Draft Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California at the [Statewide Toxicity Provisions web site](#).

The revisions were made in response to comments received during the public comment period. The State Water Board is not accepting written comments on the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions at this time.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold two public staff workshops and a public board workshop on the proposed Toxicity Provisions at the following times and locations. The public board workshop is an informational item and no board action will be taken.

**Public Staff Workshop #1
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Joe Serna Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Bldg.
Klamath Training Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Public Staff Workshop #2
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Joe Serna Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Bldg.
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Public Board Workshop
Thursday, October 3, 2019, 9:30 am**
Joe Serna Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is developing the Toxicity Provisions to establish numeric water quality objectives for both acute and chronic toxicity, and a program of implementation to protect aquatic life beneficial uses. As part of this project, staff is proposing the establishment of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (ISWEBE Plan), which will be a single planning document that includes all the water quality control plan provisions adopted by the State Water Board for surface waters excluding open bays and the ocean.

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOPS & PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The purpose of the **first public staff workshop on August 13, 2019**, is to provide information about the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions to the public. State Water Board staff will be available to answer questions.

The purpose of the **second public staff workshop on August 28, 2019**, is to provide an opportunity for an open discussion between members of the public and State Water Board staff regarding the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions.

The purpose of the **public board workshop on October 3, 2019**, is to provide an opportunity for an open discussion between the State Water Board, staff, and members of the public regarding the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited.

A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at the public staff workshops and the public board workshop; however, no board action will be taken. Although no formal decisions will be made, the board may provide direction to staff. The State Water Board will schedule a subsequent meeting at which it will consider adopting the proposed Toxicity Provisions and ISWEBE Plan.

Additional information on the workshops, including meeting procedures and information on making presentations, can be found at the [State Water Board Calendar web site](#).

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL REVISIONS - OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Several issues raised by commenters are not reflected as changes in the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions. The State Water Board may consider options to remove or revise the reasonable potential analysis section of the implementation provisions and require all non-storm water NPDES¹ dischargers to conduct routine chronic toxicity monitoring and be subject to effluent limitations, unless the permitting authority grants an exemption. The State Water Board may also consider options to defer the use of *Ceriodaphnia dubia* for chronic toxicity testing to assess compliance with effluent limitations until a date certain and to conduct a study to identify ways to reduce variability when conducting chronic *C. dubia* toxicity tests. Please be prepared to discuss these options at the workshops.

¹ NPDES: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions will be available on or before July 25, 2019, on the [Statewide Toxicity Provisions web site](#).

Any additional documents will be posted on this web site as they become available.

You may request a paper copy of the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions by contacting Zane Poulson at (916) 341-5488 or via email at Zane.Poulson@waterboards.ca.gov.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE WORKSHOPS AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The State Water Board intends to hold the workshops at the times and places noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the workshops, as well as any change in the timing of the availability of the First Revised Draft Toxicity Provisions, will be noticed through the list serve e-mail distribution list and on the State Water Board’s webpage.

Any person desiring to receive future notices must sign up for the list serve e-mail distribution list by accessing the E-mail List Subscription form, selecting the box for ‘Freshwater Plan and Policies’ (located within the section entitled ‘Water Quality’), and providing the required information. The subscription form is located at the [Email List Subscription Form web site](#).

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the [State Water Board web site](#).

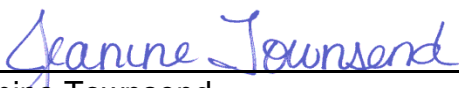
The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5261 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [Public Meeting Live Webcasts web site](#).

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 receiving security clearance.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Zane Poulson at (916) 341-5488 (Zane.Poulson@waterboards.ca.gov) 1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Date



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