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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DEPARTMENT) MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT DRAFT TENTATIVE ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing on the draft Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit (Tentative Order) for the California Department of Transportation¹ (Department). A quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken. The time and location of the public hearing are:

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. /Cal-EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

Discharges of storm water and non-storm water occur throughout the state from the Department's MS4. Before July 1999, these discharges were regulated by individual NPDES permits issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards. On July 15, 1999, the State Water Board issued a statewide permit ([Order No. 99-06-DWQ](#)) which regulated all storm water and certain non-storm water discharges from the Department's MS4. This included all State highways, rights-of-way, facilities, and construction activities. The existing permit (Order No. 99-06-DWQ) will be superseded by a new permit when the Tentative Order is adopted by the State Water Board and approved by U.S. EPA.

The draft Tentative Order differs significantly from Order No. 99-06 in several respects, including:

- Transitioning from a characterization based monitoring and reporting program to a compliance based program.
- Incorporation of Total Maximum Daily Loads and implementation requirements directly into the permit.
- Removal of construction activities from regulation under the permit (now regulated directly under the Construction General Permit).
- A significantly expanded section on Region-specific requirements.
- New requirements for hydromodification, Low Impact Development, and post-construction treatment controls.

¹ 1120 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/stormwater>

PUBLIC COMMENT

A public notice was circulated on January 7, 2011, advising that the draft Tentative Order was available for public review and comment. Written comments on the draft Tentative Order were due by 12:00 noon on March 14, 2011.

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

State Water Board staff will provide a brief overview of the Tentative Order and will answer any questions the Board may have. Interested parties will have an opportunity to provide oral comments to the Board and are encouraged to summarize their written comments. The Board may impose time limits on oral comments.

FUTURE STATE BOARD WORKSHOP AND BOARD MEETING

A State Water Board workshop is expected to be scheduled for September 2011. Staff intends to submit the final Tentative Order for State Water Board adoption in October 2011. Notices providing the specific date for the workshop and board meeting will be posted on the State Water Board's website and will be distributed through the Lyris e-mail list serve. Any person desiring to receive notice of the workshop or meeting 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, and fill in the required information. The subscription form is at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order, supporting documents, and written comments received are posted on the State Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans_permits.shtml

When available, any revisions to the Tentative Order and a response to comments received will be posted at the same web address. A notice of the availability of these documents will be sent through the Lyris list. Responses to comments will be made available prior to the Board adoption hearing on the Tentative Order.

A hard copy of the relevant documents may also be received by contacting Jaime Favila at (916) 341-5482 (jfavila@waterboards.ca.gov).

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's Web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

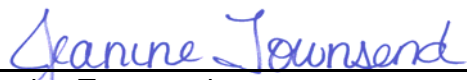
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A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>

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Questions may be directed to: Walt Shannon, Chief of the Municipal Storm Water Unit at (916) 341-5497 (wshannon@waterboards.ca.gov), or Emel Wadhvani, Staff Counsel, at (916) 322-3622 (ewadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date June 7, 2011



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