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NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC HEARING

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROPOSED DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System proposed Draft General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activities (Draft Construction Permit). The proposed Draft Construction Permit is available to view or download at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormwtr/index.html>.

BACKGROUND

On August 19, 2004, the existing Construction General Permit (Water Quality Order 99-08-DWQ) expired but remains in effect until a new General Permit is adopted.

On June 19, 2006, the State Water Board received a report from a panel of storm water experts (Panel) titled, "The Feasibility of Numeric Effluent Limits Applicable to Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Municipal, Industrial and Construction Activities." This report was considered in preparing the Draft Construction Permit and is available to view at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormwtr/numeric.html>.

On March 2, 2007, the State Water Board staff issued a preliminary Draft Construction Permit and received many public comments. Staff also held a series of focused stakeholder meetings. The preliminary Draft Construction Permit has been revised in response to input received.

STAFF WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 - 10:00 a. m.
**Metropolitan Water District
Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944**

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.
**Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

The State Water Board will hold staff workshops on the draft permit. At the workshops, staff will discuss the significant changes from the preliminary draft, and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions. Board members may be present at the workshops, but they will not be considered formal hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING

The formal hearing on the Draft Construction Permit will be held:

Wednesday, June 4, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS, COMMENT, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The State Water Board is interested in receiving comments regarding all aspects of the Draft Construction Permit. Comments on the Draft Construction Permit may be submitted in writing. Oral comments can also be made during the Public Hearing. Written comments must be received by **12 p.m. on June 4, 2008** and addressed to:

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

Comment letters may be submitted by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. For email submittals, please indicate in the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Draft Construction Permit**".

For information regarding future public notices or status of the Construction General Permit, please sign up for our electronic mailing lists at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html - "Storm Water Construction Permitting Issues."

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Joe Serna Jr. / California Environmental Protection Agency Building (Cal/EPA), Sacramento.

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The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Catherine Foreman at (916) 341-5881, at least five working days prior to the public meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

Questions regarding the proposed Draft Construction Permit should be directed to the Storm Water Section at (916) 341-5537 or email at stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov

March 19, 2008
Date

Jeanine Townsend

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

If you would like a hard copy of the Draft Construction Permit sent via postal mail, please return this to:

Storm Water Section, PO Box 1977, Sacramento, CA 95812.

Company: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

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