



State Water Resources Control Board

REVISED- COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED AND UPDATED WORKSHOP DATE AND HEARING ROOM

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND BOARD WORKSHOP ON A DRAFT WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR STANDARDIZED COST REPORTING IN MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMITS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on the proposed Draft Water Quality Control Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits (Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy) and the proposed Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy Staff Report (Staff Report).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the proposed Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report will be posted on the State Water Board's [website](#) on or before August 17, 2023. The public will also be notified of the release of the Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report through the list-serve e-mail as provided below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS: All written comments must be received by the State Water Board by no later than **12:00 noon on ~~Tuesday~~ Monday, October 3 ~~September 18~~, 2023**. Comment letters received after this time and date will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Address comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board. Please indicate in the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy**".

Written comments may be submitted electronically in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) to the Board Clerk via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in size, then the written comments may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620.

Alternatively, comments may be submitted by hand delivery or mail to:

**Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)**

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Couriers delivering a hard copy of a comment letter must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board will hold a public Board workshop at which staff will present information and receive public input on the Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy.

The workshop date, time, and location are provided below:

BOARD WORKSHOP
Thursday ~~Wednesday~~, September 7~~6~~, 2023 - 9:30 am
Sierra Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
And via Video and Teleconference

A quorum of the State Water Board will attend the workshop; however, no State Water Board action will be taken on the Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy.

POLICY OVERVIEW: The Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) staff has developed the Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy that identifies statewide cost reporting requirements for Phase I and traditional Phase II MS4 permittees (Permittees). If adopted, the policy would require Permittees to use a list of standardized cost categories to track their MS4 permit implementation costs. In addition, the policy would require Permittees to report annual expenditures for implementing their MS4 permits using a statewide cost submittal tool. The goal of the proposed policy is to increase the understanding of true costs associated with various MS4 permit elements and inform future permit requirements.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: STORMS staff will present an overview of the Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and standardized cost categories for reporting MS4 permit implementation costs, cost tracking, and reporting of cost data. The workshop will include opportunities to provide feedback. To ensure all interested parties have an opportunity to participate, oral comments may be time limited.

Comments heard at the workshop and submitted in writing by the above deadline will help inform revisions to the proposed Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy. Staff encourages commenters to provide input now to help inform the policy making process. A revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy will be released for an additional public comment period prior to the public hearing.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION: Members of the public interested in joining the workshop or providing oral comments, please follow [the remote participation guidelines](#).

For in-person participation, please reference the [State Water Board Information and Calendar webpage](#) and information in the “DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY” section below.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHANGES TO THE NOTICED ITEMS: The State Water Board will make the Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report available and hold the workshop at the times and place noted above to provide an opportunity for public comment. Any change to the items noticed above will be noticed through the below-identified list serve e-mail distribution lists, and on the State Water Board’s webpages.

Any person desiring to receive future notices must subscribe to the list serve e-mail located on the [Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater website](#) (click on the “Stay Informed” button to subscribe).

Please note that a public hearing date has not been set and will be scheduled for a later time.

DIRECTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY: The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5572 at least 10 business days before the meeting. Individuals who have limitations hearing or speaking may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (teletypewriter) or (800) 735-2922 (voice).

The meetings in this notice will be offered in English. To request other language interpretation or other accommodation, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting date by contacting program staff at STORMS@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line “Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy Language Services”.

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 20 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please direct questions regarding this notice, the proposed Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and draft Staff Report to Amanda Magee, Senior Engineering Geologist at Amanda.Magee@waterboards.ca.gov, or Nabiul Afroz, Water Resource Control Engineer at Nabiul.Afroz@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 25, 2023
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board