
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS,
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS, AND ADOPTION MEETING**

**DRAFT PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM
FUNDING GUIDELINES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Draft Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Funding Guidelines (Funding Guidelines), dated February 2016 and issued in accordance with Water Code section 79706 (Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will conduct five public workshops. Interested parties may provide oral comments on the Draft Funding Guidelines at these workshops. Details of the public workshops are provided below.

Monday, March 14, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

AK Smiley Public Library
125 West Vine Street
Redlands, CA 92373

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Buena Vista Public Library
Meeting Room 300
300 North Buena Vista Street
Burbank, CA 91505

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board – Fresno Office
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Monday, March 21, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Friday, March 25, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board – Sacramento Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public Board Meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Funding Guidelines. Details of the State Water Board Meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Draft Funding Guidelines is to establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit applications, evaluate, and select proposals, and award grants for projects funded by the Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program. Proposition 1 was passed by voters in November 2014 and provided \$900 million for a groundwater sustainability program (Assembly Bill 1471, Chapter 10). The State Water Board will administer \$800 million for projects that prevent or cleanup contamination of groundwater that serves (or has served) as a source of drinking water.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

The Draft Funding Guidelines are available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/groundwater_sustainability.shtml

Spaces for the public workshops are limited. To reserve your spot, please go to the Proposition 1 Website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1.shtml.

Individuals requiring special accommodations or language interpretation services should contact Ms. Marina Pérez at the State Water Board at least 7 days before the public workshop at (916) 322-4265 or at Marina.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov.

For a map to AK Smiley Public Library in Redlands, go to:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/A+K+Smiley+Public+Library/@34.054651,-117.183909,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x3ccb0f7f50509952>

For a Map to the Buena Vista Public Library in Burbank, go to:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/300+N+Buena+Vista+St,+Burbank,+CA+91505/@34.1641363,-118.3325524,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x80c2bfd961b6e165:0xca802b6462b44e3>

For a map to the Regional Water Quality Control Board – Fresno, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us/fresno_location.pdf

For a map to the Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Luis Obispo, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/about_us/docs/map_directions.pdf

For a map to the Regional Water Quality Control Board - Sacramento, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us/sacramento_location.pdf

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Funding Guidelines. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Friday, April 1, 2016** and addressed to:

Hand/Courier Delivery

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

U.S. Mail Delivery

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Comment letters may be submitted electronically in PDF text format (less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Funding Guidelines.”**

U.S. Mail must be **received** (not postmarked) at the State Water Board offices by the close of the comment period. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the May 17, 2016 Board Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Funding Guidelines. Participants will be given an opportunity to speak to the Board directly and summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations during the Board Meeting. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

No new evidence (e.g. photographs, data, and testimony) may be submitted at the Board Meeting and all comments will be treated as non-evidentiary policy statements. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations at the Board Meeting may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board’s web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

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 web site at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (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:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA 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.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public meetings and workshop at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public workshop and public comment period will be provided on the State Water Board electronic mailing list. Notice of any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the Draft Funding Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

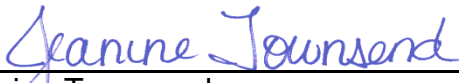
To subscribe, select the "Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)" category, then check the box for "Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance," and provide the required information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding the Draft Funding Guidelines to Mr. Robert Reeves at (916) 319-8254 or Robert.Reeves@waterboards.ca.gov.

February 15, 2016

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board