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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

DRAFT GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive comments on the draft Tentative Order for the Phase II Small MS4 General Permit. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Monday, August 8, 2011** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, 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 (by hand delivery)

Comment letters may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board via email at: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (15 megabytes, or less, in size); or by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line "**Comment Letter – Phase II Small MS4 General Permit.**"

Comments may also be hand delivered. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel on the first floor of the Cal/EPA Building at the above address. Questions on comment submittal may be directed to Ms. Townsend, at (916) 341-5600.

BACKGROUND

On December 8, 1999, U.S. EPA promulgated the Storm Water Phase II Final Rule under authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) § 402(p)(6). The regulations require State Water Board to issue an NPDES permit for operators of Small MS4s. The Tentative Order is an NPDES General Permit and only certain operators of Small MS4s that meet specific criteria and discharge to Waters of the State are subject to the Order. The Tentative Order updates the existing General Permit, SWRCB, [Water Quality Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ, NPDES General Permit CAS000004](#).

FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD WORKSHOP, AND ADOPTION MEETING

Staff will conduct informal workshops on the Tentative Order in June and July 2011. A public hearing on the draft Tentative Order will be scheduled in November 2011. Staff expects to submit the final Tentative Order for State Water Board adoption in January 2012. Public notices providing the specific dates for the workshops, public hearing, board adoption meeting and any other public notices related to this Tentative Order will be posted on the State Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/ and will be distributed through the Lyris e-mail list serve.

Any person desiring to receive future public notices regarding this Tentative Order 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 municipal storm water permitting, 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 draft Tentative Order is available on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml

You may also receive a copy of the draft tentative order by contacting Christine Sotelo at csotelo@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 322-1400.

Questions on this notice may be directed to: Christine Sotelo at (916) 322-1400

(csotelo@waterboards.ca.gov), Eric Berntsen at (916) 341-5911

(eberntsen@waterboards.ca.gov) or Emel Wadhvani, Staff Counsel, at (916) 322-3622

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June 7, 2011

Date



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Clerk to the Board