
State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

This meeting will occur via remote presence only as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and as authorized by Government Code section 11133.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

COST OF COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP

November 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Remote Participation Only

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a public workshop to learn about the opportunities to reduce the costs of compliance for dischargers subject to Water Boards regulation and oversight. A quorum of State Water Board members may be in attendance; however, no State Water Board action will be taken at this meeting.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The workshop will focus on costs of compliance for two regulatory programs, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permitting and Irrigated Lands. State Water Board staff will present the previous cost of compliance efforts, work being done to evaluate costs of compliance, and examples of streamlining currently implemented. This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss and brainstorm ways to reduce costs of compliance and discuss next steps.

WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

To join this online workshop, register using the [Zoom Registration Link](#). Zoom participation information will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The workshop will be offered in English. To request other language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the workshop (by October 26, 2021) by contacting Laleh Rastegarzadeh at Laleh.Rastegarzadeh@waterboards.ca.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

WORKSHOP MATERIALS

The workshop agenda will be available on the State Water Board's calendar at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/#11-2021.

BACKGROUND

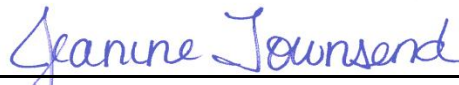
In 2013, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2013-0029](#), which summarized efforts to address the cost of compliance starting in 2011, including the development of a multi-phase [work plan](#) and a [Resource Alignment Report](#). The efforts focused on assessing opportunities for reducing the costs of compliance for dischargers subject to Water Board oversight under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Wastewater, Stormwater, Irrigated Lands, and Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) programs. In accordance with the work plan, a Water Boards workgroup consisting of State and Regional Water Board staff worked with stakeholder groups associated with each program to identify potential options for reducing these costs. A significant portion of this effort is working with participating stakeholders to help gather and validate data on compliance costs and opportunities to reduce these costs.

The Resolution also directed Water Boards staff to continue to engage with stakeholders to identify ways in which cost of compliance can be reduced. This workshop is the latest in a series of meetings and workshops. The workshop will summarize efforts completed to date, brainstorm additional ideas, and identify next steps.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have additional questions regarding this notice, please contact Amanda Magee at Amanda.Magee@waterboards.ca.gov for issues related to Stormwater and Brianna St. Pierre at Brianna.St.Pierre@waterboards.ca.gov for issues related to Irrigated Lands.

 Date October 4, 2021



 Jeanine Townsend
 Clerk to the Board