

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF THE REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM REGULATIONS AND PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff from the Division of Drinking Water of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will conduct six public workshops to discuss the process for adoption of the Revised Total Coliform Regulations (RTCR), and to present the draft regulations. These will be informational workshops only. The Division of Drinking Water will not accept formal comments on the rulemaking and will take no formal action. Details of the public workshops are provided below.

Thursday, February 23, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

Kern County Environmental Health
2700 M Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Friday, February 24, 2017 – 9:00 am

Woodward Park Regional Library
944 E Perrin Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – 9:00 am

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

March 17, 2017 – 9:00 am

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Headquarters Building Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Thursday, March 30, 2017 – 9:00 am

Regional Water Quality Control Board
364 Knollcrest Drive
Redding, CA 96002

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has adopted the Revised Total Coliform Rule which became effective April 1, 2016. Because California has been delegated primacy for enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, it must adopt regulations at least as stringent as the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule. The State Water Resources Control Board is in the process of promulgating and adopting the California Revised Total Coliform Regulations (RTCR).

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The purpose of this workshop is to describe the process for adoption of the regulations, present the proposed draft of the California RTCR, and solicit input on the draft regulations. The workshop will include a staff presentation on the draft regulations including where they differ from the federal RTCR. The staff presentation will be followed by an opportunity for the public to ask questions and participate in the discussion. The State Water Board is interested in including all interested parties including residents, business owners, local government representatives, public water systems and other stakeholders in the discussion.

The State Water Board intends to publish the notice of proposed rulemaking, including the proposed regulations, for public comment later in 2017, and to hold a public hearing at the close of the formal comment period as will be set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. The staff expects to submit the final regulations to the State Water Board for adoption in late 2017 or early 2018.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

More information and a copy of the proposed draft Revised Total Coliform Regulations can be found here: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/rtcr.shtml

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

While members of the State Water Board, and perhaps a quorum of members, may be present at one or more of the workshops, the Board will not take formal action at the workshops. The State Water Board and Division of Drinking Water staff may ask clarifying questions.

JOE SERNA, JR. (CAL/EPA) BUILDING 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 RELATED TO THESE WORKSHOPS

The State Water Board will hold the public workshops at the time and place noted above. Change in the date, time, and place of these public workshops will be posted to the State Water Board main web page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.shtml under "Announcements".

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding these workshops to the following email address: RTCR@waterboards.ca.gov. Once the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has been issued and the formal rulemaking process has begun, all comments must be submitted in compliance with the requirements of the Notice.