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State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION MEETING**

**PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE FINAL GUIDELINES (GUIDELINES)  
FOR THE DROUGHT RESPONSE OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR  
SCHOOLS (DROPS)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive comments on the proposed Guidelines for DROPS.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Board will consider the adoption of the Guidelines at its regularly scheduled Board meeting. The date, time and location of the meeting are:

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.  
Joe Serna, Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**BACKGROUND**

To comply with the Governor's declaration of a Drought State of Emergency, the State Water Board is proposing to repurpose approximately \$26 million of unallocated grant funds from Proposition 13 and Proposition 40 for DROPS. Additional funds from Propositions 13, 40, 50, and 84 may be used if made available. DROPS is specifically focused on projects that reduce stormwater pollution and provide multiple benefits. Draft guidelines were developed to establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit applications, evaluate and select Proposals, and award grants for DROPS. To develop the Guidelines, the State Water Board held meetings and outreach events to discuss DROPS between April and July 2014.

The State Water Board is seeking comments on the DROPS Guidelines prior to consideration of adoption at its August 19, 2014, Board meeting.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The DROPS Guidelines are available for review on the State Water Board's Web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/drops/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/drops/)

## **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the DROPS Guidelines. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis.

Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter – August 19, 2014 Board Meeting - DROPS**". Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 13, 2014**. They should be addressed to:

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

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously-submitted written materials.

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/board\\_presentations.shtml](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 Web site: <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. 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; it 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 security clearance.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct questions about this notice to Mr. Jeffrey Albrecht at (916) 341-5717 or [WB.DFA\\_grants@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WB.DFA_grants@waterboards.ca.gov).

July 31, 2014  
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Date

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board