

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING/HEARING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
APRIL 17, 2012**

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE ORAL COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR LOW-THREAT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE AND DRAFT SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

DISCUSSION

A proposed Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure (Policy) has been developed by a stakeholder group for consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The purpose of the proposed Policy is to establish consistent statewide case closure criteria for a subset of low-threat petroleum UST sites. The proposed Policy is intended to provide direction to responsible parties, their service providers, and regulatory agencies. The proposed Policy seeks to increase UST cleanup process efficiency. A benefit of improved efficiency is the preservation of limited resources for mitigation of releases posing a greater threat to human and environmental health.

POLICY ISSUES

This Public Hearing will provide an opportunity for public comment on the [Draft Policy](#) and [Draft SED](#). The State Water Board is not voting on this issue.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance consistency. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 6.1 to target consistency improvements in process and policy for Water Board enforcement activities to promote compliance.