

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
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ITEM 7

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DRAFT GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

DISCUSSION

On April 17, 1997, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the existing General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (Industrial General Permit), Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ. The existing Industrial General Permit has expired but remains in effect until a new General Permit is adopted. The Final Draft General Industrial Permit, when adopted and effective, will replace [Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ](#). State Water Board staff has conducted extensive stakeholder outreach and addressed numerous public comments received on previously issued draft permits. The Final Draft Industrial General Permit incorporates non-substantial revisions to address public comments received on the July 2013 draft permit. The Final Draft Industrial General Permit may be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's web site at:

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

POLICY ISSUE

The Final Draft Industrial General Permit addresses multiple policy issues, including but not limited to the use of numeric action levels, the level and type of monitoring required, and the role of groups and trained persons in the implementation of the proposed requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the State Water Board adopts the Final Draft Industrial General Permit, there will be costs associated with the administration of the permit. However, most of these costs are already incurred with the administration of the existing Industrial General Permit.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

All Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) will be affected by implementation of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit. Regional Water Board impacts are associated with tasks necessary to identify no-exposure facilities (estimated to be tens of thousands of facilities), the mandate that all reports be submitted to the Storm Water Multiple Application and Reporting System (also known as SMARTS), and an increase in compliance evaluation and enforcement workload.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends State Water Board adoption of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goals 1, 5, 6, and 7 of the Strategic Plan Update pertaining to storm water runoff.