

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD WORKSHOP SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
OCTOBER 7, 2015**

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS DRAFT STORM WATER RESOURCE PLAN GUIDELINES

DISCUSSION

The Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines (Guidelines) propose to establish guidance for the development of Storm Water Resource Plans in accordance with Water Code section 10565. (Senate Bill 985, Stats. 2014, ch. 555, § 5.) Water Code section 10563(c)(1) requires a Storm Water Resource Plan as a condition of receiving funds from any bond approved by voters after January 2014. These Water Code requirements apply to Proposition 1, a water bond measure approved in November 2014 that authorizes, among other funding, \$200 million in grants for multi-benefit storm water management projects.

Water Code section 10565 requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to establish such guidance for public agencies to develop Storm Water Resource Plans prior to receiving bond funding. At a minimum, Water Code section 10565 requires that the Guidelines:

- Identify the types of local agencies and nongovernmental organizations that need to be consulted during the development of a Storm Water Resource Plan;
- Define the appropriate quantitative methods for identifying and prioritizing opportunities for storm water and dry weather runoff capture projects; and
- Define the appropriate geographic scale of watersheds for storm water resource planning.

The [Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines](#) are being developed concurrently with the Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Funding Guidelines. Both draft guidelines were released for public comment on August 28, 2015. Written comments are due on October 13, 2015. Both draft guidelines are scheduled to be presented at the same Board Workshop.

POLICY ISSUE

What is the appropriate scope and content of Storm Water Resource Plans that will support solicitation and funding of storm water and dry weather runoff capture and use projects that lead to multiple benefits?

FISCAL IMPACT

None, the Board will not be taking any action.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None, the Board will not be taking any action.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. This is a workshop item.

No action is required. This item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012: to comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration, and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes.