

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
PROPOSED GENERAL ORDER FOR RECYCLED WATER USE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public meeting to receive comments on proposed Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use (General Order). The State Water Board may adopt the General Order at the end of the meeting. The location and time of the public meeting is provided below.

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**BACKGROUND**

The State Water Board is preparing a General Order for recycled water use. The General Order will be used by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to streamline permitting of recycled water uses that are a relatively low threat to water quality. This General Order will replace existing *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (order WQ 2014-0090-DWQ) adopted by State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on June 3, 2014. The proposed General Order is intended to further encourage recycled water projects by: (1) acknowledging recycled water as a resource through water reclamation requirements; (2) allowing recycled water programs that are implemented in multiple Regional Water Board boundaries to be permitted by the State Water Board.

The source of recycled water allowed for coverage under this General Order is treated municipal wastewater. The General Order does not authorize potable reuses, but will allow uses of recycled water for beneficial uses such as irrigation of crops, dust control, and certain industrial processes. The General Order will allow the use of recycled water that meets the water recycling regulations and reuse criteria specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 3 (Uniform Statewide Recycling Criteria). The Uniform Statewide Recycling Criteria prescribes water recycling and reuse criteria protective of public health. When recycled water is used in compliance with the Recycled Water Policy, the Uniform Statewide Recycling Criteria and other standards set by State or Regional Water Board for protection of public health, and all applicable state and federal water quality laws, recycled water is safe for approved uses.

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The proposed General Order is available for review online at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/requirements.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/requirements.shtml). For those without internet access, please contact Sherly Rosilela at (916) 341-5578 or by email at: [Sherly.Rosilela@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sherly.Rosilela@waterboards.ca.gov) to obtain the documents.

### SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed General Order. The comment period will begin on **Thursday, January 21, 2016** and will end on **Monday, February 22, 2016**. Written comments must be received by **12:00 p.m. (noon)** on **Monday, February 22, 2016** and be addressed to:

<u>Hand/Courier Delivery:</u>	<u>U.S. Mail Delivery</u>
Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Comment letters may be submitted electronically (e-mail), by facsimile, U.S. Mail, or courier. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: "**Comment Letter – General Order for Recycled Water Use.**"

Electronic submittals shall be in pdf format (less than 15 megabytes in total size) and sent to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by facsimile at (916) 341-5620. U.S. Mail must be **received** (not postmarked) at the State Water Board offices by the close of the comment period. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the public meeting there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/board\\_presentations.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml)

### EX PARTE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENDING GENERAL ORDERS

This item is subject to the ex parte communication disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, as explained in:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf)

Any communications between interested persons and board members (other than at a noticed board meeting or submitted as a comment letter in compliance with the public notice) must be disclosed by the interested person within seven days of the communication. Sample disclosure forms are available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/#exparte](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/#exparte). Beginning **April 5, 2016**, ex parte communications between interested persons and board members concerning this item are prohibited.

**PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) 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 CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 445-9343 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 and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>.

All visitors to the CalEPA 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**

Any change in the date, time, and place of the public meeting will be noticed on the State Water Board website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/RecycledWater.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/RecycledWater.shtml)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please direct all questions regarding the proposed General Order to Sherly Rosilela by telephone at (916) 341-5578 or by email at [Sherly.Rosilela@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sherly.Rosilela@waterboards.ca.gov) or

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January 21, 2016  
Date

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board