
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REVISED PROPOSED TRASH ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the Department of Transportation's (Department) revised proposed Trash Assessment Methodology (Methodology). This is the second public notice for comments on the proposed Methodology. After the 30-day comment period, and after considering public comments and compliance with Order WQ 2022-0033-DWQ (Order), the State Water Board will consider approval.

BACKGROUND

The Order was adopted on June 22, 2022, and requires the Department to amend its 2019 Methodology according to the requirements in Order section E9. The Order requires the Department to submit its revised proposed Methodology to the State Water Board for review and consideration of approval after a 30-day public comment period. The Department submitted its revised proposed Methodology on April 30, 2023. On June 1, 2023, the State Water Board provided a 30-day public comment period. Based upon the comments received, the Department submitted a significantly revised proposed Methodology on September 1, 2023. In recognition of these changes, a second 30-day public comment period is being provided. The changes generally consist of providing further detail and justification for the draft Methodology and, as appropriate, ensuring the Methodology is consistent with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board's Cease and Desist Order. In particular, revisions were made to the portions of the draft Methodology concerning the implementation of the On-Land Visual Trash Assessment methodology, non-urban trash assessment, and Vegetation Control Study.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Department's revised proposed Methodology is available on the State Water Board [Trash Implementation Program page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/trash_implementation.html) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/trash_implementation.html).

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will only consider written comments regarding the revised proposed Methodology. Comments that address other topics will not be considered.

Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on December 14, 2023**. Hard-copy comments must be addressed to:

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

Electronically submitted comment letters may be submitted in pdf format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please write in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Revised Proposed Trash Assessment Methodology.”**

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Department’s Trash Assessment Methodology, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the appropriate e-mail list as follows: Access the [email subscription form](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb), then:

1. Enter an email address,
2. Press “Submit”,
3. Re-enter the email address,
4. If desired, enter and re-enter a password to password protect your subscriber preferences,
5. Check the box to consent to our data privacy policy,
6. Press “Submit”,
7. Check the box for “Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues”, nested under the “Water Quality” heading,
8. Press “Submit”.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice or requests for a paper copy of the revised proposed Trash Assessment Methodology to Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 or leo.cosentini@waterboards.ca.gov.

November 13, 2023
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board