
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CHANGES TO PROPOSED REGULATION AND ADDITION OF MATERIAL TO THE RULEMAKING RECORD REGARDING MAKING CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE

TITLE 23. Waters

DIVISION 3. State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards

CHAPTER 3.5 – Urban Water Use Efficiency and Conservation

ARTICLE 1

SUBJECT: MAKING CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) has updated the text of the proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation and is making the changed text available for public comment prior to the Board’s future consideration of adoption of the resulting regulation.

The updated regulation text is labelled “**Updated Proposed Text v4**” dated **June 14, 2024**. The proposed text indicates added proposed regulation text with a single underline and deleted proposed regulation text with a strikethrough.

The following is a link to the rulemaking file for this regulation:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/water_efficiency_legislation.html

LIST OF MATERIALS ADDED

Additionally, seven new documents are being added to the rulemaking record.

References added to the Updated Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment of Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation are linked below.

Hard copies of the documents are also available at the California Environmental Protection Agency Building, located on 1001 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Email ORPP-WaterConservation@waterboards.ca.gov to access a hard copy.

1. Mann, M., and Gleick, P. (2015). "Climate change and California drought in the 21st century." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 112(13), 3858-3859. <https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.1503667112>
2. *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California*. (2024). "Proposed Biennial Budget for FYs 2024/25 and 2025/26; Proposed Water Rates and Charges for Calendar years 2025 and 2026; Overview of Rates and Charges; Ten-Year Forecast"
[https://bda.mwdh2o.com/Board%20Materials%20%20Proposed%20FYs%202024%20%20202526%20Budge/Board%20Materials/Board%20Materials/Presentation%209-4%20\(FAIRP%20Workshop%20No.%201%20Feb.%2012,%202024,%20REVIS ED\).pdf](https://bda.mwdh2o.com/Board%20Materials%20%20Proposed%20FYs%202024%20%20202526%20Budge/Board%20Materials/Board%20Materials/Presentation%209-4%20(FAIRP%20Workshop%20No.%201%20Feb.%2012,%202024,%20REVIS ED).pdf)
3. *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)*. (2023). "Pure Water Southern California Program Cost Update."
<https://www.mwdh2o.com/media/jupblcl5/pwscrc-3b-presentation.pdf>
4. *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)*. (2023). "Adopt the 2023 Long-Range Finance Plan Needs Assessment."
<https://www.mwdh2o.com/media/5h1jhtr3/11142023-fairp-8-7-presentation.pdf>
5. *San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)*. (2023). "General Manager's Adopted Multi-Year Benefit."
<https://www.sdcwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/SDCWA-Adopted-Budget-FYs-24.25-10.2023.pdf>
6. Stratton, H., Fuchs, H., Chen, Y. (2017). "Keeping Pace with Water and Wastewater Rates." *Lawrence Berkeley National Labs Publications*. 109(10), 426-439.
<https://awwa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.5942/jawwa.2017.109.0101>
7. Vicuna, S., Maurer, E., Joyce, B., Dracup, J., and Purkey, D. (2007). "The Sensitivity of California Water Resources to Climate Change Scenarios." *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*. 43(2), 482-498.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1752-1688.2007.00038.x>

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

[Gov. Code, § 11346.4(a), § 11346.5(a)(15)]

Any interested person may submit written comments on the changes to the proposed regulation to the Clerk to the State Water Board. Any written comments pertaining to the changes to the proposed regulation, regardless of the method of transmittal, must be received by the Clerk **by 12 p.m. (noon) on Monday July 1, 2024**, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment period. Comments received after this date will not be considered timely. Written comments may be submitted via any of the following methods:

1. By email to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. The State Water Board requests but does not require that email transmission of comments, particularly those with attachments, contain the regulation package identifier **“Comment Letter—Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation”** in the subject line to facilitate timely identification and review of the comment. Please include the email address of the signatory.
2. By fax transmission to: (916) 341-5620. The State Water Board requests but does not require that faxed comments contain the subject line **“Comment Letter—Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation.”**
3. By mail to: Clerk to the Board, Courtney Tyler, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100.
4. Hand-delivered to: Clerk to the Board, Courtney Tyler, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For comments not sent by email, the State Water Board requests, but does not require that written comments be sent by mail, and that hand-delivered be submitted in triplicate.

The State Water Board requests, but does not require, that, if reports or articles in excess of 25 pages are submitted in conjunction with the comments, the commenter provide a summary of the report or article and describe the reason for which the report or article is being submitted or its relevance to the proposed regulation.

All comments, including email or fax transmissions, should include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address in order for the State Water Board to provide the commenter with copies of any future notices regarding this matter. Alternatively, you may sign up for the mailing list for this rulemaking.

To be added to the mailing list for this rulemaking and to receive notification of updates for this rulemaking, you may subscribe to the [GovDelivery list](#) for **“Water Conservation Regulations”** by selecting "General Interests," then selecting "Water Conservation Regulations.”

Due to the limitations of the Board's email system, emails larger than 15 megabytes (MB) may be rejected and will not be delivered and received by the State Water Board. Therefore, emails larger than 15 MB should be submitted under separate emails or via another form of delivery.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.), written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

If you would like to request a copy of the public comment letters received by the Board for this item, send an email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov and identify that you are requesting copies of public comments for the proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation.

STATE WATER BOARD CONTACT PERSONS

[Gov. Code, § 11346.5(a)(14)]

Requests for copies of the updated proposed regulatory text, new reference materials added, or other inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to:

Conservation inbox

ORPP-WaterConservation@waterboards.ca.gov

Please identify the regulation by using the State Water Board regulation package identifier **“Proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation”** in any inquiries or written comments.

June 14, 2024
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board