

**State Water Resources Control Board** 

Office of Enforcement





Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor

# NOTICE OF ADOPTION HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

#### PROPOSED STATEWIDE POLICY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND PROPOSED POLICY FOR USE OF THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT FOR REGIONAL WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## SUBJECT OF HEARING

The proposed policies on Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) and Use of the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) for Regional Water Quality Improvement Projects are independent of one another but both are proposed for adoption at the February 3, 2009 Board Hearing.

In the past, these issues have been addressed as part of the Water Quality Enforcement Policy. They are being considered separately at this time but it is expected that they may become part of a larger Water Quality Enforcement Policy in the future.

Please note that the Policy for SEPs includes two alternatives regarding limits on the amount of a SEP relative to the overall monetary value of the settlement. Comment is sought on these two alternatives; only one of these alternatives will be included in the final adopted policy.

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive public comments and to consider adopting a proposed statewide Policy for SEPs and Policy on Use of the CAA for Regional Water Quality Improvement Projects (proposed Policies). The hearing will be held at the following time and location:

February 3, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

The proposed Policies and supporting documents are available at <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public notices/comments.</u> You may receive a paper copy in the mail by contacting Debbie Matulis at (916) 341-5272.

The State Water Board welcomes both written and oral comments on the proposed Policies. Oral comments will be accepted at the hearing but may be subject to time limits imposed by the Chair, based on the number of people wishing to speak. Speakers raising similar points are encouraged to coordinate their presentations. Written comments (electronic submission preferred) must be received by 12:00 noon on December 15, 2008. If submitting paper copies, an original and ten hard copies, must be sent to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Fax: (916) 341-5620 Email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Write "Comment Letter – Policies on SEPs and Use of the CAA for Regional Water Quality Improvement Projects" in the subject line. Hand and special deliveries should also be addressed to the Clerk to the Board at the address above. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

## **INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP**

Please direct questions about this notice to Taryn Stokell, Office of Enforcement, at (916) 327-8039 (<u>TStokell@waterboards.ca.gov</u>).

## PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

There is a parking garage across from the building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets, and metered parking spaces are in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our Web site at: <u>http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm</u>.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building, all visitors are required to sign in prior to entering the building. Visitors can enter at the public entrance on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Visitors can sign in and obtain badges in the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, which is just inside and to the left of the building's 10<sup>th</sup> Street public entrance. Visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state and federal identification cards. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take from three to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to your meeting.

The Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Coastal Hearing Room is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Taryn Stokell at (916) 327-8039, at least five working days prior to the public meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929

October 15, 2008

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