
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Draft Emergency Regulation for State Intervention Fees

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites public comments on a draft Emergency Regulation for State Intervention Fees.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public Board Workshop to receive public comments on a draft Emergency Regulation for State Intervention Fees. Details of the State Water Board workshop are provided below.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr.–CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

In 2014, Governor Brown signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which creates a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management for the first time in California history. SGMA requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in California's high- or medium-priority groundwater basins. GSAs are required to develop groundwater sustainability plans that make basins sustainable within 20 years of plan implementation. If local agencies are unable or unwilling to sustainably manage their basin, the State Water Board is authorized to intervene. SGMA requires the State Water Board to adopt, by emergency regulation, a schedule of fees to cover the costs associated with state intervention (Water Code section 1529.5 and 1530).

Throughout the latter half of 2016, the State Water Board held stakeholder outreach meetings and presented fee schedule proposals at local events to get a better understanding of stakeholder concerns and solicit feedback on how to best structure state intervention fees. The draft emergency regulation considers and incorporates input provided by local governments, water suppliers, businesses, individuals, and non-governmental organizations.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Information on the draft emergency regulation and all related documents are available for review online at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gmp/fees.shtml.

Additional information on Board Workshops and Board Meetings can be found on the State Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Emergency Regulation. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Friday, April 7, 2017** and be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically in PDF text format (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 indicate on the transmittal subject line: "**Comment Letter – Emergency Regulation for State Intervention Fees.**" Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the March 21, 2017 State Water Board Workshop, a quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken at the workshop. The State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. The workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board.

To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations at the Board Workshop 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.

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/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

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. The seating capacity of the Klamath Room is limited to 100. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the meeting room.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the Board Workshop at the time and place noted above. The State Water Board is also tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Emergency Regulation at its May 16, 2017 Board Meeting. Any updates or changes in the date, time, and place of the Board Workshop or the Board Meeting will be provided on the State Water Board electronic mailing list.

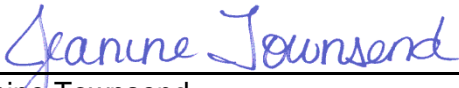
To receive future notices concerning the Draft Emergency Regulation, please subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml. To subscribe, select the "General Interests" category, check the box for "Groundwater Management," and provide the required information.

Contact Information

Please direct all questions regarding the Draft Emergency Regulation for State Intervention Fees to Jessica Bean at Jessica.Bean@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5334.

March 8, 2017

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board