
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMENDMENTS TO WATER QUALITY ORDER 2013-0002-DWQ
STATEWIDE GENERAL AQUATIC WEED CONTROL PERMIT
FOR RESIDUAL AQUATIC PESTICIDE DISCHARGES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of amendments to Water Quality Order 2013-0002-DWQ, Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications (Aquatic Weed Control Permit) on:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the Aquatic Weed Control Permit on March 5, 2013. This item proposes three amendments to the Aquatic Weed Control Permit as follows:

1. Section IX.C.1.a of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit states, “This General Permit may be reopened to modify Attachment G if any additional entity becomes qualified for a Policy section 5.3 exception.” Attachment G of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit lists public entities and mutual water companies that are excepted from meeting receiving water limitations for acrolein or copper in accordance with section 5.3 of the State Water Board Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (Policy). The State Water Board is considering amending Attachment G to add the Fresno Irrigation District, the Merced Irrigation District, and Reclamation District 108 to the list of dischargers with exceptions to meeting California Toxics Rule-based receiving water limitations for acrolein or copper, per section 5.3 of the Policy.
2. In accordance with the California Toxics Rule (40 C.F.R. § 131.38 (b)(1)), the State Water Board is also proposing to correct the dissolved saltwater receiving water chronic limitation for copper in Table 3 and Table D-2 from being hardness-dependent, which applies only to freshwater, to a specified value of 3.1 micrograms per liter.

3. Furthermore, the State Water Board is considering adding clarifying language to the Aquatic Weed Control Permit that addresses fee requirements for dischargers that conduct algaecide and aquatic herbicide applications in multiple regions. Specifically, the following language is proposed under section II.C of the permit:

“A Discharger proposing to apply algaecides and aquatic herbicides in multiple Water Board regions shall submit one NOI, one APAP, and one filing fee. The Discharger shall indicate in the NOI all the Water Board regions where applications are planned. The APAP shall address all required elements for all areas in the state where discharges are proposed.”

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendments and related documents are available to view or download on the State Water Board’s Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/index.shtml#weed.

You may request a paper copy by contacting Mr. Russell Norman at (916) 323-5598 or russell.norman@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written public comments on the proposed amendments to the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. The proposed amendments are shown in red text. Text in strikeout indicates language proposed to be deleted and text in underline indicates language proposed to be added. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on April 28, 2014** and 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 (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Draft Aquatic Weed Control Permit Amendments.”**

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the meeting, 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, go to:


http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml at the State Water Board’s Web site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Mr. Russell Norman at (916) 323-5598 or russell.norman@waterboards.ca.gov.

March 28, 2014

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board