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## State Water Resources Control Board

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PRELIMINARY STAFF DRAFT STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT REISSUANCE AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff is releasing a preliminary staff draft of the Statewide Construction Stormwater General Permit reissuance and hold two public workshops regarding the preliminary staff draft, as discussed below.

No evidence or formal written or oral comments will be accepted at the public workshops; however, staff will be taking notes and considering feedback in development of the preliminary staff draft prior to the official public comment period. The State Water Board will not prepare a formal response to feedback on this preliminary staff draft. There will be a formal notice and written comment period for the official draft Statewide Construction Stormwater General Permit reissuance, as well as a State Water Board hearing to receive oral comments, at a to-be-determined date.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that State Water Board staff will hold the following virtual public workshops to:

- (1) Provide stakeholders and interested parties information regarding the preliminary draft General Permit, and
- (2) Allow stakeholders and interested parties to provide feedback to staff.

A quorum of the State Water Board may attend the virtual public workshops; however, no State Water Board action will be taken at these workshops.

The virtual public workshops will be held as follows:

### **Virtual Workshop #1**

Wednesday, December 9, 2020: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

[Registration Link](#)

### **Virtual Workshop #2**

Monday, December 14, 2020: 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Registration Link](#)

Additional information on the workshops is located on the [State Water Board Construction Stormwater Program page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/constructionstormwater) ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/constructionstormwater](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/constructionstormwater)).

## **BACKGROUND**

The federal Clean Water Act requires discharges of construction stormwater to waters of the United States be regulated by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The State Water Board adopted the existing statewide NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit in 2009 to regulate stormwater discharges associated with construction activities disturbing one or more acres. The existing General Permit expired on September 2, 2014 and has been administratively extended until the effective date of a reissued NPDES permit.

State Water Board staff has developed a preliminary staff draft Construction Stormwater General Permit reissuance incorporating:

- (1) New requirements to implement existing Total Maximum Daily Loads;
- (2) New regulation of passive treatment technology uses and discharges from dewatering activities;
- (3) Updated criteria for Notices of Non-Applicability,
- (4) Efficiency to the existing Notice of Termination process;
- (5) Requirements to implement the California Ocean Plan, the Inland Surface Waters Plan, and statewide Trash provisions;
- (6) Updated requirements for demolition activities;
- (7) Updated water quality sampling requirements per the federal Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods Rule; and
- (8) Updated monitoring and reporting requirements.

## **PRELIMINARY STAFF DRAFT PERMIT AVAILABILITY**

The preliminary staff draft Construction Stormwater General Permit reissuance is available on the State Water Board [Construction Stormwater Program page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/constructionstormwater) ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/constructionstormwater](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/constructionstormwater)).

## **WORKSHOP PROCEDURES**

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public workshop will be held remotely via an online platform. During the workshop, staff will present a detailed explanation of the preliminary staff draft Construction Stormwater General Permit reissuance. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback via virtual communication.

**PUBLIC MEETING WEBCAST INFORMATION**

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public meetings, for attendees that are solely interested in watching and not participating in the workshops, will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page](https://video.calepa.ca.gov/) (https://video.calepa.ca.gov/). The public meetings will be recorded.

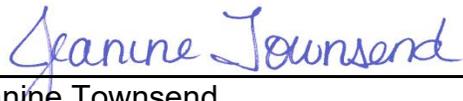
**FUTURE NOTICES**

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed Construction Stormwater General Permit reissuance, including any changes to this notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list as follows: (1) access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed below, (2) click the "Water Quality" tab, (3) check the box for "Stormwater Construction Permitting Issues," and (4) fill in the required information. The subscription form is located on the [State Water Board email subscription page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/swrcb\_subscribe.shtml).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct questions about this notice or requests for a paper copy of the preliminary draft General Permit to Brandon Roosenboom at [Brandon.Roosenboom@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Roosenboom@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date

  
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