
State Water Resources Control Board

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

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DEPARTMENT)
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT
SECOND REVISED DRAFT TENTATIVE ORDER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive written comments on revisions to the draft Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Second Revised Draft Tentative Order) for the California Department of Transportation (Department).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Board will hold a staff workshop on the Second Revised Draft Tentative Order. State Water Board members may be present at the workshop; however, no Board action will be taken. The time and location of the staff workshop are:

**Monday, May 21, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. /Cal-EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

BACKGROUND

Discharges of storm water and non-storm water occur throughout the state from the Department's MS4. Before July 1999, these discharges were regulated by individual NPDES permits issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards. On July 15, 1999, the State Water Board issued a statewide permit ([Order No. 99-06-DWQ](#)) which regulated all storm water and certain non-storm water discharges from the Department's MS4. This included all State highways, rights-of-way, facilities, and construction activities. If adopted by the State Water Board, the Second Revised Draft Tentative Order will supersede Order No. 99-06-DWQ upon its effective date.

A public notice was circulated on January 7, 2011, advising that the Draft Tentative Order was available for public review and comment. Written comments on the Draft Tentative Order were due by 12 Noon on March 14, 2011. A public hearing on the Draft Tentative Order was held on July 19, 2011.

A second notice and Revised Draft Tentative Order were circulated on August 18, 2011, and a public workshop was held on September 21, 2011 to consider the revisions made to the January 7, 2011 Draft Tentative Order.

Based upon comments received during the public comment period, the public hearing and the workshop, the Revised Draft Tentative Order has been substantially revised. The Second Revised Draft Tentative Order dated April 27, 2012 is the subject of this Notice.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons must submit all evidence (e.g. photographs, data, testimony) and written comments no later than **12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 26, 2012** 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 by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. For email submittals, please indicate in the subject line:

“Comment Letter – Caltrans MS4 Permit”

Comments may also be hand delivered. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel on the first floor of the Cal/EPA Building at the above address. Questions on comment submittal may be directed to Ms. Townsend, at (916) 341-5600.

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The staff workshop will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the Second Revised Draft Tentative Order and to interact with State Water Board staff. State Water Board Members and executive staff may be present; however, the staff workshop is not a formal State Water Board proceeding, and no action will be taken. State Water Board staff will provide a brief overview of the Second Revised Draft Tentative Order and will answer any questions by the public.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Second Revised Draft Tentative Order, supporting documents, and written comments received are posted on the State Water Board’s website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/caltrans_permits.shtml.

A hardcopy of the relevant documents may also be received by contacting Jaime Favila at (916) 341-5482 or jfavila@waterboards.ca.gov.

Questions may be directed to Walt Shannon, Chief of the Municipal Storm Water Unit at (916) 341-5497 or email to wshannon@waterboards.ca.gov, or Emel Wadhvani, Staff Counsel, at (916) 322-3622 or email to ewadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov.

FUTURE STATE WATER BOARD PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING

The State Water Board expects to hold a public hearing on the Second Revised Draft Tentative Order in August 2012, and to consider adoption in September 2012. At the hearing and adoption meeting, participants may summarize their written submissions and make policy statements, but no new evidence will be admitted. Notices providing the specific date for the State Water Board hearing and adoption meeting will be posted on the State Water Board’s website and will be distributed through the Lyris e-mail list serve. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Second Revised Draft Tentative Order, including notices of the

hearing and adoption meeting, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for the Lyris list, access the E-mail List Subscription form, check the box for Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues, and fill in the required information. The subscription form is at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY


For directions to the Cal/EPA Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's website at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

The Cal/EPA 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. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

April 27, 2012
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board