
State Water Resources Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

STAFF-LEVEL STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF STATEWIDE SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) GENERAL PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold four (4) preliminary stakeholder outreach workshops regarding the proposed Statewide Small MS4 General Permit¹ reissuance. During the workshops, staff will provide background and seek stakeholder input on: (1) the proposed reorganization of the permit document for regulatory clarity, and (2) options for regulating stormwater discharges from public school districts and community colleges in the forthcoming permit. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present at one or more workshops; however, the State Water Board will not take any action at the workshops.

Due to health concerns from COVID-19, the workshops will not be held at any physical location. The following virtual workshops replace the previously noticed in-person workshops. State Water Board staff will conduct the virtual workshops using the Zoom video conferencing platform. Stakeholders and interested parties are encouraged to participate in one of the following region-specific virtual workshops to hear and discuss location-specific issues. To attend the virtual workshop designated to your area, please sign up via our email signup procedure below:

Virtual Workshop #1 – Northern California
Monday, June 15, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Workshop #2 – Central California
Monday, June 15, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Workshop #3 – Los Angeles Region
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Workshop #4 – Southern California
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

¹ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems; Water Quality Order 2013-0001-DWQ NPDES No. CAS000004

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Information relating to the stakeholder workshops will be available on the [Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program Website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.html).

PURPOSE OF STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

The purpose of the Stakeholder Outreach Workshops is for State Water Board staff to provide background permit information, respond to questions, and seek stakeholder input on: (1) the proposed reorganization of the Small MS4 General Permit for regulatory clarity, and (2) options for regulating stormwater discharges from public school districts and community colleges in the forthcoming permit.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SIGNUP AND QUESTION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

To attend a workshop, you must send an email to Stormwater@Waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line, "MS4 Workshop # Signup" (provide the desired workshop number in the subject line in place of the "#" symbol). In the body of the email, please include your: First and Last Name, Organization, City, and Email Address. State Water Board staff will send a confirmation response email with instructions on how to access the workshop.

To provide input and/or ask questions, workshop participants must email State Water Board staff prior to or during the virtual workshop at Stormwater@Waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line, "MS4 Workshop # Question" (provide the desired workshop number in the subject line in place of the "#" symbol). Submitted input and questions will be addressed after the staff presentation, during the Question and Answer session of the workshop. Only input and questions received by email will be addressed at the workshop.

BACKGROUND

On December 8, 1999, the United States Environmental Protection Agency promulgated the Storm Water Phase II Final Rule per Clean Water Act section 402(p)(6). Federal regulations require the State Water Board to issue a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for operators of Small MS4s, and to reissue each permit every five years. In 2003, the State Water Board adopted Water Quality Order 2003-0005-DWQ, the first statewide permit regulating storm water discharges from Small MS4s in California. In 2013, the State Water Board adopted Water Quality Order 2013-0001-DWQ which superseded the 2003 Order. State Water Board staff is developing a proposed reissuance of the General Permit for consideration of adoption by the State Water Board in 2021.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ACCESSIBILITY

The virtual workshops are accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Paul Levy at (916) 323-5598 or Paul.Levy@Waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 business days before the workshop.

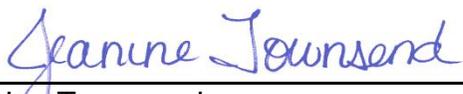
FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices regarding proposed State Water Board actions concerning municipal storm water permitting, including this permit reissuance, may sign up for the Lyris e-mail list by completing the subscription form 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), as follows:

- Access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed above,
- Click the “Water Quality” tab,
- Check the box for “Storm Water Municipal Permitting Issues,”
- Fill in the required information, and
- Click “Subscribe.”

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Date



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