

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

A PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR REGULATING DIRECT POTABLE REUSE IN CALIFORNIA, ADDENDUM: EARLY DRAFT OF ANTICIPATED CRITERIA

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comments on the Addendum to A Proposed Framework for Regulating Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) in California, 2nd Edition. The Addendum is an early draft of the anticipated criteria for direct potable reuse.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
April 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely via remote presence.

If you wish to watch the meeting: A webcast will be available at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> and should be used unless you intend to provide oral comments.

If you wish to make an oral comment: additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/workshops/dpr_workshop.html

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Board has prepared an [Addendum to A Proposed Framework for Regulating DPR in California, 2nd Edition](#). The Addendum is an early draft of the anticipated criteria for direct potable reuse for stakeholder review and input. State Water Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) staff will present an overview of the early draft of the anticipated criteria for DPR and invite the public and interested parties to present oral comments.

A quorum of the State Water Board members may attend this workshop and may provide input, pose questions, or provide direction to staff, but no action will be taken. The public may review and comment on the Addendum. Written comments on the Addendum are due by 12:00 noon on **Friday, June 25, 2021**.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board completed A Proposed Framework for Regulating Direct Potable Reuse in California (Framework) in [April 2018](#), and a second edition of the Framework in [August 2019](#) to satisfy the recommendation in Assembly Bill (AB) 574 ([Chapter 528, Statutes of 2017](#)) to establish a framework for the regulation of potable reuse projects on or before June 1, 2018. In preparing the Framework, the State Water Board considered the recommendations provided in the Board's "Investigation on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse" ([Report to Legislature](#)), a schedule for completing the research outlined in the Report, and a regulatory framework that is protective of public health, among other things.

The State Water Board has prepared an Addendum to the Framework, which consists of an early draft of the anticipated criteria for direct potable reuse that was developed using information from the recommended DPR research as required by Water Code [§13561.2](#). The State Water Board is seeking public comment, and soliciting stakeholder input from water agencies, wastewater agencies, local public health officers, environmental organizations, environmental justice organizations, public health nongovernmental organizations, and the business community pursuant to [§13561.2](#).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The [Addendum](#) to the Framework is available to view or download on the State Water Board's website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/direct_potable_reuse/dprframewkaddendum.pdf

For those without internet access, please contact Jing Chao at (619) 525-4834 or by email at: jchao@waterboards.ca.gov to obtain the document.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Addendum. Per the [public notice](#), the comment period started [Monday, March 22, 2021](#) and will end on [Friday, June 25, 2021](#). **Written comments must be received by 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, June 25, 2021.**

Please send comment letters addressed to Jing Chao as follows:

- ✓ By email: ddwrecycledwater@waterboards.ca.gov (PDF format, 15 megabytes or less)
- ✓ By mail, addressed to: Jing Chao
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board
1350 Front Street, Room 2050
San Diego, CA 92101

Please indicate the subject line "**Comment Letter – Early Draft Anticipated DPR Criteria**" on your transmittal.

The State Water Board requests, but does not require, that if reports or articles in excess of 25 pages are submitted in conjunction with the comments, the commenter provide a summary of the report or article and describe the reason for which the report or article is being submitted or is relevant to the Addendum.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, §6250 et seq.), written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) can be released to the public upon request.

FUTURE NOTICES


Any persons desiring to receive future notices regarding the Framework and future State Water Board activities for direct potable reuse are encouraged to subscribe to the “Recycled Surface Water Augmentation & Direct Potable Reuse” electronic mailing list.

To subscribe, please visit our webpage, click on “Subscribe to Mailing List” on the top right side of the page, provide the required contact information, and click “SUBSCRIBE”. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/direct_potable_reuse.html

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Jing Chao at (619) 525-4834 or by email at jchao@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 9, 2021
Date



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