
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) FOR THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2016 AND REVISED FINAL GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSITION 1 – CHAPTER 5, SECTION 79724 (PROP 1 DRINKING WATER PROGRAM)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider adopting the FFY 2016 IUP for the DWSRF Program and revised final guidelines for the implementation of the Prop 1 Drinking Water Program at the Tuesday, June 21, 2016, Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The DWSRF Program provides low-cost financing to public water systems statewide to address water quality and capacity issues. It also subsidizes a portion of California's public water system supervision program under the Division of Drinking Water.

The Prop 1 Drinking Water Program provides funding for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards, to ensure affordable drinking water, or both. Prop 1 Drinking Water funds will be administered consistent with the DWSRF IUP and the DWSRF Policy to the extent allowed by federal regulations and state law.

The FFY 2016 IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for the DWSRF Program during FFY 2016 and SFY 2016-17 and the, including revised final Prop 1 Drinking Water Program guidelines. It identifies the available funding, the projects the State Water Board anticipates financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the DWSRF and Prop 1 Drinking Water program performance.

The IUP is required by federal statutes and regulations, and will be included in the application submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the FFY 2016 Capitalization Grant. The IUP also serves as guidelines for the implementation of the Prop 1 Drinking Water funds in accordance with applicable State statutes.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft 2016 IUP is available for review on the State Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/index.shtml.

(To receive email notifications about future IUPs and other information related to the DWSRF Program, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and select "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.")

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed 2016 IUP. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter – June 21, 2016 Board Meeting – 2016 DWSRF IUP**". Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Thursday, June 16, 2016** and should be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted written materials.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

If the Board adopts the FFY 2016 IUP at the Meeting, the adopted IUP will be submitted to U.S. EPA as part of the Board's application for the FFY 2016 Capitalization Grant.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5881 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. An audio broadcast of the Meeting will be available via the internet; it can be accessed at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Debbie Cheung at (916) 341-5972 or DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date May 17, 2016



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board