
State Water Resources Control Board

**REVISED
ADOPTION MEETING DATE**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS,
PUBLIC WORKSHOP, AND ADOPTION MEETING**

**Draft Drinking Water For Schools Grant Program
Funding Guidelines**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop and receive public comments on the draft Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) and issued in accordance with Section 116276 of the Health and Safety Code.

The Drinking Water for Schools Program provides a new source of grant funding for schools that need to improve access to, or the quality of drinking water provided to their students and staff. Projects such as water bottle filling stations, which have been shown to increase water consumption by students; or filtration systems that remove harmful contaminants, would be eligible. In addition, the funding could be used for projects that help address lead contamination issues identified through the State Water Board's new Lead Sampling of Drinking Water in Schools program. The Guidelines focus on prioritizing funding projects in schools that serve small, disadvantaged communities.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will conduct one public workshop. Interested parties may provide oral comments on the draft Guidelines at the workshops. Details of the public workshop are provided below.

**March 20, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Board Hearing Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public Board Meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Funding Guidelines. Details of the State Water Board Meeting are provided below.

~~May 2~~ **May 16, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.**
Joe Serna Jr.–CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 828 (Stats. 2016, ch. 29) added Section 116276 to the Health and Safety Code to require the State Water Board to establish a grant program for the purpose of improving access to, and the quality of, drinking water in public schools consistent with the intent that school facilities be maintained in “good repair,” as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 17002 of the Education Code. The purpose of the Guidelines is to establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit applications, evaluate and select proposals, and award grants for projects funded by the Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program.

Senate Bill 828 appropriated the sum of \$9,500,000 from the General Fund to the State Water Board to be allocated under the grant program. Senate Bill 826 (Stats. 2016, ch. 23) also made funding in the amount of \$500,000 available for Technical Assistance to applicants.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Guidelines and additional information about the grant program can be found on the State Water Board web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/schools/

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Funding Guidelines. Written comments **must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 10, 2017**, and addressed to:

Hand/Courier Delivery

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

U.S. Mail Delivery

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Comment letters may be submitted electronically in PDF text format (less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: **“Comment Letter – Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program Funding Guidelines.”**

U.S. Mail must be **received** (not postmarked) at the State Water Board offices by the close of the comment period. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the **May 2-May 16, 2017** Board Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Guidelines. Participants will be given an opportunity to speak to the Board directly and summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations during the Board Meeting. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

No new evidence (e.g. photographs, data, and testimony) may be submitted at the Board Meeting and all comments will be treated as non-evidentiary policy statements. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations at the Board Meeting may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board web site at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

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. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (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 and can be accessed at:

<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

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 receiving security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public meeting and workshop at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public workshop and public comment period will be provided on the State Water Board electronic mailing list. Notice of any persons desiring to receive future notices concerning the Draft Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

To subscribe, select the "Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)" category, then check the box for "Drinking Water For Schools" and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about the draft Guidelines to Daron Pedroja at (916) 319-9123 or Daron.Pedroja@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 7, 2017
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board