

Please note corrected date – MAY 12th, 2014



This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Dear Water Districts, Water Purveyors and Interested Parties:

The State Water Resources Control Board is continuing its stakeholder outreach effort for the development of a statewide drinking water discharge permit. The proposed permit will be a new statewide general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit as required by the Clean Water Act, section 402 for point source discharges to surface waters.

Water Board staff will hold a stakeholder workshop at the following date and location:

MAY 12, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
San Diego County Water Authority Office
4677 Overland Ave
San Diego, CA 92123

All interested stakeholders are welcome to attend in person. At this time, WebEx participation is not included.

Please take the time to read the attached Stakeholder Workshop Announcement, Fact Sheet and Proposed Language Excerpts associated with this permitting effort. Many of you have provided valuable input through previous discussions, which has resulted in the proposed permit language included in the attached excerpts. The proposed language includes the following concepts:

- Permit enrollment is for water purveyors that are in need of an NPDES permit. As proposed, the language is not requiring water purveyors that discharge into a municipal storm drain system under a local municipal agreement, that is upheld by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, to enroll.
- A chlorine residual effluent limit of 0.019 mg/L is included to comply with federal regulations. The language also includes that compliance with the proposed chlorine limit will be determined with non-detect results of a hand-held field meter.
- Effluent limits are proposed for discharges directly to surface waters and discharges to storm drains that have a traveling distance of less than half mile to a surface water.
- Implementation of proven best management practices that are either accepted by the American Water Works Association or the Association of Clean Water Agencies, or equivalent as applicable to site-specific conditions, is proposed to satisfy permit requirements.
- All proposed monitoring will be conducted with hand-held field equipment.
- No receiving water monitoring is proposed with the exception of a direct discharge to surface water that is not in compliance with the effluent limits and/or required best management practices.

These and a few other items will be the discussion of our meeting. We look forward to discussing the proposed language to further develop a permit that is feasible and cost effective for water purveyors to comply.

Please reply to this email if you are interested in attending this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me after April 21, 2014 and I will be happy to assist.

For further informational updates, visit our State Water Board website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/#new

Please forward this email to any persons potentially interested in this event. Effort is being taken to provide this message to all potential interested parties. Your assistance in forwarding this message is appreciated.

Thank you.

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