

INFORMAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT **(Notice Revised June 19, 2015)**

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT ADJUSTING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REQUIREMENTS TO THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER FROM PHASE II SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

BACKGROUND

On December 8, 1999, the United States Environmental Protection Agency promulgated the Storm Water Phase II Final Rule under authority of the Clean Water Act section 402(p)(6). The regulations require the State Water Board to issue an NPDES permit for operators of Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). In 2013, the State Water Board adopted Water Quality Order No. 2013-0001-DWQ, NPDES General Permit CAS000004, regulating storm water discharges from Small MS4s. The Draft Amendment to the Phase II Small MS4 permit proposes to amend the existing NPDES permit to adjust the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation requirements contained in Attachment G.

Both section E.15.c and section F.5.i.3 of the existing NPDES permit directs the Regional Water Boards to review TMDL-specific implementation requirements and propose revisions, as appropriate. The Regional Water Boards have reviewed the requirements and submitted proposed revisions to Attachment G of the Phase II Small MS4 permit. Based upon that directive, the State Water Board will be considering an amendment to the Phase II Small MS4 permit to incorporate changes to Attachment G (TMDL requirements). Staff has prepared a preliminary administrative draft and is seeking informal comments from stakeholders on the draft by **July 31, 2015**. Stakeholders may also request public staff workshops to discuss the proposed changes.

This is not a formal public comment period and the comments are for staff consideration, not Board consideration. A written public comment period for submission of comments to the Board will be announced at a future date.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Submission of comments or requests for a staff workshop must be received no later than **5:00 pm on July 31, 2015**. Comments or requests for workshops may be submitted via email to bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov or via post to:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality, Storm Water
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Amendment to Attachment G of the Phase II Small MS4 permit is available in redline/strikeout format to more easily identify the proposed changes. The Draft Amendment may be found on our website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bill Hereth at (916) 341-5688 or bill.hereth@waterboards.ca.gov.