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SCAP ALERT

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TO: SCAP Member Agencies and Water Issues Committee Members
FROM: John Pastore, Executive Director
DATE: July 18, 2006

**SWRCB Request for Comments on
Findings of the Storm Water Panel of Experts**

The purpose of this SCAP Alert is to inform you of the State Water Board's request for comments on their Storm Water Panel's report regarding the feasibility of setting numeric limits for storm water discharges. The attached notice specifies workshop dates of July 21 and 28, 2006 for public participation and comments. It further requests that all comments be limited to policy and technical issues addressed in the report findings. The State Water Board will not take comments on the report itself.

Should you wish SCAP to comment on these findings on your agency's behalf, please provide your comments to the SCAP office no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 25, 2006.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

FINDINGS OF THE STORM WATER PANEL OF EXPERTS

July 21, 2006
10 a.m.

Byron Sher Auditorium
Joe Serna Jr. – Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

July 28, 2006
10 a.m.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern
California
700 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notice is hereby given that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will be conducting public workshops to receive comment on how the State Water Board should proceed with the findings of the Storm Water Panel of Experts (Panel) that was convened to consider the following question:

Is it technically feasible to establish numeric effluent limitations, or some other objective criteria, for inclusion in storm water permits? How would such limitations or criteria be established, and what information and data would be required? The answer should address industrial general permits, construction general permits, and area-wide municipal permits. The answer should also address both technology-based limitations or criteria and water quality-based limitations or criteria. In evaluating establishment of any objective criteria, the panel should address all of the following: (1) the ability of the State Water Board to establish appropriate objective limitations or criteria; (2) how compliance determinations would be made; (3) the ability of dischargers and inspectors to monitor for compliance; and (4) the technical and financial ability of dischargers to comply with the limitations or criteria.

The Panel's response should address each of the types of permits (industrial, construction, and municipal).

The findings of the Panel may be found at:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormwtr/index.html#news>

The purpose of these workshops is to solicit comment from the public on how the State Water Board can use these findings to improve the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water program. The purpose of these workshops is to gather policy and technical input. The workshops are not being conducted as part of an adjudicative proceeding. Specific comments on the report or on specific upcoming permitting actions will not be allowed.

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SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

State Water Board staff will accept both written and oral comments on how the State Water Board should use the recommendations contained in the report. The State Water Board will not take comment on the report itself. Interested persons are requested to submit written comments and other material concerning this issue to Song Her, Clerk to the Board, either by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov; fax (916) 341-5620; or addressed to the State Water Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 **by 5:00 pm on July 28, 2006**. Also, please indicate in the subject line: "Comment Letter – Storm Water Panel Report."

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Joe Serna Jr. Cal EPA Building	Metropolitan Water District
<p>Information regarding location and transportation options may be found at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm#CAR</p> <p>The facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1-800-735-2929, Voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922. All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance to proceed to the Byron Sher Auditorium</p>	<p>Information regarding location and transportation options may be found at: http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/about/about01.html</p> <p>Requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Executive Secretary at (213) 217-6000 in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.</p>

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Greg Gearheart at (916) 341-5892 (ggearheart@waterboards.ca.gov) or Bruce Fujimoto at (916) 341-5523 (bfujimoto@waterboards.ca.gov).

June 30, 2006
Date

Originally Signed by Selica Potter for
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Clerk to the Board