

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

ATTACHMENT No. 1
SUMMARY OF WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

POINT-OF-USE AND POINT-OF-ENTRY TREATMENT – PERMANENT REGULATIONS

The following notes will facilitate review of the attached “Comments and Responses to Comments on the Proposed Point-of-Use (POU) and Point-of-Entry (POE) Treatment – Permanent Regulations”.

Note 1:

The State Water Board published a notice of proposed rulemaking for the proposed POU and POE Treatment – Permanent Regulations on 13 October 2017. Comments received can be grouped as follows:

- Oral comments received during the public hearing held on 27 November 2017;
- Written comments received at the end of the 49-day public comment period that ran from 13 October 2017 to 12:00 p.m. on 30 November 2017, including clarifications received from one of the commenters after the end of the comment period;
- Written comments received during an additional comment period that ran from 3 January 2018 to 12:00 p.m. on 17 January 2018 for changes to the proposed regulation text;
- Written comments received during the 15-day comment period that ran from 18 January 2018 to 12:00 p.m. on 2 February 2018 for changes to the proposed regulation text, including the same changes noticed for public comments from 3 January 2018 to 7 January 2018, and the addition of documents relied upon. An additional written comment was received following the close of the comment period on 2 February 2018.
- Written comments received during the 15-day comment period that ran from 8 November 2018 to 12:00 p.m. on 27 November 2018 for changes to the proposed regulation text and an addendum to the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the addition of documents relied upon. An additional written comment was received after the close of the comment period on 27 November 2018.

Minor revisions of the proposed regulations and OAL disapproval triggered the additional 15-day comment periods.

State Water Board compiled, reviewed, and prepared responses to every comment received. As needed throughout this process, State Water Board staff reached out to specific commenters to answer their questions or to seek clarification about certain comments. Draft responses to comments received were provided as part of the agenda materials for the 6 February 2018 and 22 January 2019 State Water Board hearings. Responses were finalized for this submission to the Office of Administrative Law and are attached here.

Audio/video files and transcripts of the 27 November 2017 public hearing and 2 February 2018 and 22 January 2019 State Water Board meetings are available.

Note 2:

Parties from whom written comments were received are listed in the attached document. Date-stamped copies of the comment letters and emails are provided with annotations showing the commenter number (RTC No.) and category code associated with each comment, consistent with the attached table of responses to comments received.

Note 3:

Notices, announcements, and other documents related to the proposed POU and POE Treatment – Permanent Regulations were posted to the Division of Drinking Water web page at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/regulations/, and on the Documents for Public Comment web page at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/.

Notices and announcements were also e-mailed to subscribers to the “Board Meetings”, “Regulations – General”, and “Drinking Water Program Announcements” ListServes, to which approximately 3,200; 6,500; and 3,600 non-waterboards.ca.gov accounts are subscribed, respectively.