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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR BIOLOGICAL PESTICIDES AND RESIDUAL CHEMICAL PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM AQUATIC ANIMAL INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL APPLICATIONS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is proposing to amend the existing Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Biological Pesticides and Residual Chemical Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Applications (Aquatic Animal Invasives Species Control Permit). The proposed amendment is to grant a regulatory exception to Casitas Municipal Water District from complying with copper receiving water limitations, per section 5.3 of the State Water Board Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California ([State Implementation Policy](#)).

The State Water Board will accept written comments that are limited to the proposed addition of Casitas Municipal Water District to a new Attachment G of the Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit – the list of approved entities granted a categorical exception from compliance with copper and/or acrolein receiving water limitations per section 5.3 of the SIP.

#### Submission of Written Comments

Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on February 10, 2026**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**). Please indicate in the email subject line, “**Comment Letter—Aquatic Animal Species Control Permit Amendment**”.

Electronic submittals are preferred but comments may also be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery to:

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

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## Document Availability

The proposed amendment and related documents are available on the State Water Board NPDES Pesticides – Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Program Page. ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/animal\\_invasive.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/animal_invasive.html)) You may request paper copies by contacting staff listed below.

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## Background

The State Water Board adopted the Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit on March 1, 2016. Section III.P of the Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit delegates the authority from the State Water Board to the Executive Director to:

- 1) Amend the permit to add new active ingredients currently registered by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the control of aquatic animal invasive species; and
- 2) Grant a regulatory categorical exception to dischargers from complying with receiving water limitations for pesticide active ingredients that are priority pollutants, per the State Implementation Policy.

Prior to being considered for a categorical exception, a discharger must satisfactorily fulfill the requirements in Section 5.3 of the State Implementation Policy, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. State Water Board staff proposes to amend the Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit by adding Casitas Municipal Water District to a new Attachment G. The district has satisfactorily complied with section 5.3 of the State Implementation Policy and completed the required CEQA process to obtain the proposed categorical exception for compliance with copper receiving water limitations.

## Stay Informed

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit, including any changes to this public notice, should subscribe to receive email notifications using the following link:

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January 9, 2026  
Date

  
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Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board