

State Water Resources Control Board

REVISED

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS,
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS, AND ADOPTION MEETING**

DRAFT AMENDED

PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Draft Amended Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) Funding Guidelines (Amended Guidelines), dated October 2017.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will conduct one public outreach meeting. Interested parties may provide oral comments on the Draft Amended Guidelines at this workshop. Details of the meeting are provided below.

Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board – Sacramento Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board will hold a public Board Workshop to hear public comments on the Draft Amended Guidelines. Details of the Board Workshop are provided below.

~~Tuesday, November 7~~ **Wednesday, November 8, 2017**
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California

Please note, this State Water Board Workshop will be held in Los Angeles, not Sacramento. Please check the State Water Board Agenda, to be released at least ten days prior to the Workshop. Agenda information can be found here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml#nov17

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adoption of the Amended Guidelines at the Tuesday, December 5, 2017 State Water Board Meeting. The location and start time of the Board meeting are provided below:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

Proposition 1 authorizes \$800 million to the State Water Board to provide competitive grants for projects that prevent or clean up the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water (California Water Code § 79771). The Proposition 1 GWGP Funding Guidelines, which were initially adopted by the State Water Board on May 18, 2016, outline the process to solicit applications, criteria to evaluate and select eligible proposals, and requirements that apply to funded projects.

Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff are completing the evaluation of proposals and award of funds for the first round of funding (Round 1). DFA intends to have annual solicitations for projects until all GWGP funds have been expended. In anticipation of the second round of funding (Round 2) to occur in 2018, staff have proposed amendments to the Guidelines to provide clarification on funding eligibility, general program requirements and expectations, and to make changes to the maximum funding amounts.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Amended Guidelines are available for review online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/groundwater_sustainability.shtml

You may also request a paper copy of the Draft Amended Guidelines by contacting Ms. Erin Crandall at (916) 319-8263 or Erin.Crandall@waterboards.ca.gov.

Staff intend to present the Draft Amended Guidelines to the State Water Board for consideration of adoption at the December 5, 2017 Board Meeting. After reviewing public comments and input from the public meeting and workshop, an updated version of the Draft Amended Guidelines will be posted for public comment prior to the December 5, 2017 Board Meeting. This will occur as part of the regular State Water Board Meeting Agenda process, at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Guidelines. To submit written comments, please use the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Funding Guidelines”**. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Thursday, November 9, 2017** and should be submitted to the attention of:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted to Clerk to the Board via email (if less than 15 megabytes) at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the November 7~~8~~, 2017 State Water Board Workshop, a quorum of the State Water Board may be present; however, no Board action will be taken at the workshop. At the December 5, 2017 State Water Board Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Guidelines. Participants will be given the opportunity to speak to the Board directly during the Board Workshop and to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations during the Board Meeting. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments.

For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

WORKSHOP AND MEETING LOCATIONS

November 2, 2017, Public Meeting

Spaces for in-person attendance at the Sacramento public workshop are limited. You may register to attend at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-workshop-for-draft-prop-1-gw-grant-prgrm-funding-guideline-revisions-tickets-38399815883>

Individuals requiring special accommodations or language interpretation services should contact Ms. Marina Pérez at the State Water Board at least 14 days before the public workshop at (916) 322-4265 or at Marina.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov.

A broadcast of the Sacramento public meeting will be available online at:
<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

November 7, 2017, State Water Board Workshop

Please note, this State Water Board Workshop will be held in Los Angeles, not Sacramento.

For more details about this workshop please go to:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml#nov17

December 5, 2017, State Water Board Meeting

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to this website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5881 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for security clearance.

For more details about this meeting please go to:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public outreach meeting, Board workshop, and adoption meeting at the times and places noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the public outreach meeting, Board workshop, or adoption meeting, or to the public comment period will be provided via the State Water Board email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Amended Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

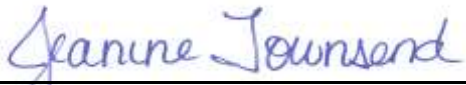
To subscribe, select the "Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)" category, then check the box for "Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance," and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding this notice and the Guidelines to Ms. Erin Crandall at (916) 319-8263 or Erin.Crandall@waterboards.ca.gov.

October 25, 2017

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board