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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR RESIDUAL AQUATIC PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM ALGAE AND AQUATIC WEED CONTROL APPLICATIONS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Executive Director is proposing to amend the existing Statewide General NPDES Permit for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications (Aquatic Weed Control Permit).<sup>1</sup> The proposed amendment is to grant a regulatory exception to the following dischargers 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](#)):

- Central California Irrigation District
- Firebaugh Water District
- Henry Miller Reclamation District

The State Water Board Executive Director will accept written comments that are limited to the proposed additions to Attachment G of the Permit – the list of approved entities granted a categorical exception from compliance with copper receiving water limitations per section 5.3 of the State Implementation Policy.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The State Water Board adopted the Aquatic Weed Control Permit on March 5, 2013. Section III.B of the Aquatic Weed 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 weeds; and

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<sup>1</sup> Water Quality Order 2013-0002-DWQ (as amended by Water Quality Orders 2014-0078-DWQ, 2015-0029-DWQ, 2016-0073-EXEC, 2017-0015-EXEC, and 2020-0037-EXEC); General permit No. CAG990005

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- 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 conduct the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. State Water Board staff proposes to amend the Aquatic Weed Control Permit by adding the Central California Irrigation District, Firebaugh Water District, and Henry Miller Reclamation District to Attachment G of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. The districts have satisfactorily completed the required CEQA process to obtain the proposed categorical exception for compliance with copper receiving water limitations.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The proposed amendment and related documents are available on the [State Water Board NPDES Pesticides - Weed Control Program Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/weed_control.html):  
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#### **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

The State Water Board Executive Director will only accept written comments regarding the proposed additions in Attachment G of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. Comments that address other components of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit will not be accepted. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, July 29, 2022**. Written comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at: [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposed Amendment to Statewide Aquatic Weed Control Permit.”**

Any person wishing to request a public hearing on this matter may submit the request in writing to the above contact, with a subject line indicating: “Request for Public Hearing – Proposed Amendment to Statewide Aquatic Weed Control Permit.”

## **FUTURE NOTICES**

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Aquatic Weed Control Permit, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list as follows:

Access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed below: [State Water Board email subscription page](#)

([www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml))


- 1) Click the "Water Quality" tab,
- 2) Check the box for "Pesticide Aquatic Weed,"
- 3) Fill in the required information, and
- 4) Press the "Subscribe."

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct questions about this notice or requests for a paper copy of the proposed amendment and related documents to Gurgagn Chand at (916) 341-5780 or

[Gurgagn.Chand@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Gurgagn.Chand@waterboards.ca.gov)

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June 29, 2022  
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