

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

**SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW (SSO) REDUCTION PROGRAM
REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Orange County Sanitation District

Plant 1 Board Room

10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Elihu M. Harris Building

First Floor Auditorium

1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (1:30-1:45 pm) - Gita Kapahi, Director of Public Participation, State Water Resources Control Board

2. **SSO Program Overview & History** (1:45-2:00 pm) - Jim Fischer, SSO Reduction Program staff, State Water Resources Control Board

3. **Public Comment Solicitation** (2:00 – 5:00 pm) – Gita Kapahi, Russell Norman and Jim Fischer
(refer to attachment for list of example questions generated by staff)
 - A. **SSO General Order Applicability and Enrollment** (2:00-2:30 pm)
 - B. **Notification and Reporting Requirements** (2:30-3:00 pm)
 - C. **Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Requirements** (3:00-3:30 pm)
 - D. **Compliance** (3:30-4:00 pm)
 - E. **Order Interpretation** (4:00-4:30 pm)
 - F. **Other Issues** (4:30-5:00 pm)

4. **Meeting Wrap-Up and Next Steps** (5:00–5:30 pm) – Gita Kapahi

Example Questions – SSO Reduction Program Review and Update (9/2009)

During the past three years, SSO Reduction Program staff has collected a wide variety of comments and questions about the SSO General Order. These comments and questions, expressed as issues, are presented below. The issues will serve as a starting point for discussion at the public meetings. The public will have the opportunity to comment on these issues and to present additional issues. Following the public meetings, additional written comments may be submitted to the State Water Board for consideration.

A. SSO General Order Applicability and Enrollment

- Is “greater than 1 mile of pipe in length” the correct criterion to use to require enrollment under the SSO General Order?
- Should the SSO General Order be modified to require combined sewer systems to enroll for coverage?
- Are the existing SSO General Order enrollment and application requirements adequate? If not, how should they be modified?
- The current SSO General Order allows enrollees to report private lateral sewage discharge events on a voluntary basis. Should the SSO General Order be revised to require the mandatory reporting of private lateral spills by enrollees if they have knowledge of spills or problems associated with tributary portions of pipe?
- The [mission](#) of the State Water Resources Control Board is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. Should the SSO General Order's applicability be modified to provide additional coverage for privately-owned sewage collection systems? What factors should be considered to accomplish coverage statewide?
- Should the SSO General Order provide exemptions for seasonal facilities (such as campgrounds) or other sewage collection systems that may be operated intermittently and/or pose a low threat to public health and the environment?

B. Notification and Reporting Requirements

- Are the existing notification/reporting requirements in the monitoring and reporting program adequate for protecting public health and the environment?
- Could existing notification/reporting requirements be simplified?
- Should additional SSO data fields in the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) be required to be reported or could specific fields be eliminated?
- Are the existing Collection System Questionnaire requirements adequate?

C. Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Requirements

- Are the existing SSMP requirements adequate?
- What level of analysis is required to address the SSMP System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan?
- Is additional clarification needed to address SSMP requirements for CIP funding, Internal Audits, Plan Updates, and Communication Program?

D. Compliance

- What actions should the Water Boards take to improve compliance with the SSO General Order basic requirements (ie, failure to report SSOs, failure to certify SSMP elements, inaccurate reporting, etc)?
- Numerous SSOs have been reported, since the SSO General Order was issued. What actions, for example additional enforcement or assistance, should the Water Boards take to reduce the number of SSOs?

E. Interpretation

- Is language in the SSO General Order unclear and in need of revision?

F. Other Issues

- How can the SSO General Order be improved to reduce the number of SSOs and the amount of sewage spilled statewide?
- Is there a need for the State Water Board to establish a new SSO Data Review Committee to further evaluate spills, impacts and causes? If so, what should the goals of the committee?
- Should the SSO General Order be modified to require collection system operator certification?
- Should the SSO General Order be modified to require reporting of sewage spills from municipal or privately owned wastewater treatment facilities?
- Should the State Water Board hold additional public meetings as part of the review and update process? If so, what part(s) of the state would be most beneficial?