
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2021-22 (FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2021) INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) FOR THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) AND REVISED GUIDELINES FOR SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER (SCWW) FUNDING (SCWW GUIDELINES)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comment on the CWSRF program IUP and revised SCWW Guidelines. The State Water Board will consider adopting the CWSRF IUP and revised SCWW Guidelines as early as the Tuesday, June 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The CWSRF program provides low-cost financing statewide for wastewater treatment and recycling, non-point source, estuary, storm water, and combined sewer system projects. The SCWW funding supplements the CWSRF program, providing grants through various sources to small disadvantaged communities and small severely disadvantaged communities for wastewater projects.

The CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for the CWSRF and the associated funding programs for SFY 2021-22. It specifically identifies the available funding, the types of projects eligible for financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the programs' performance.

The IUP is required by federal statutes and regulations and will be included in the application submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the FFY 2021 CWSRF Capitalization Grant. The CWSRF IUP also serves as guidelines for SCWW Funding in accordance with applicable State statutes.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft IUP is available for review on the State Water Board's website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

(To receive email notifications about future IUPs and other information related to the CWSRF and its associated programs, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.)

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed SFY 2021-22 (FFY 2021) CWSRF IUP. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line **“Comment Letter – June 15, 2021 Board Meeting – CWSRF IUP.”** Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on May 24, 2021** and should be addressed to:

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

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board 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.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted written materials. If you would like to provide oral comments, please follow the remote participation guidelines available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/#provide_comments

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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.

If the Board adopts the CWSRF IUP, the adopted IUP will be submitted to the U.S. EPA as part of the Board’s application for the FFY 2021 Capitalization Grant.

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the hearing will be available via internet and can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov>.

WORKSHOP/WEBCAST

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) will also hold a public workshop/webcast on April 29, 2021, via remote presence only as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing. The purpose of the workshop/webcast will be to provide an overview of the CWSRF IUP and to receive public input regarding the draft IUP.

The date and time of the workshop is:

Thursday, April 29, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Remote Participation Only

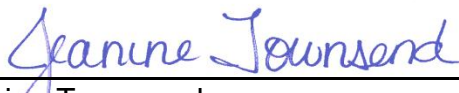
Additional information about the workshop can be found at
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Elisabeth Brown at
Elisabeth.Brown@waterboards.ca.gov or Ms. Elnaz Nasaei at
Elnaz.Nasaei@waterboards.ca.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Romana Wortell at
Romana.Wortell@waterboards.ca.gov or CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 22, 2021
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board