NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider amending the *Policy for Implementing the CWSRF* (CWSRF Policy) Program as early as the Tuesday, November 6, 2018 Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The CWSRF Policy was written to implement the federal Clean Water Act's CWSRF Program in California. The CWSRF Policy sets forth the requirements to obtain CWSRF and complementary financing.

The CWSRF Policy was last amended on February 17, 2015. Since then, demand on the CWSRF Program has greatly increased, and changes are being proposed by the Division of Financial Assistance to better manage the increased demand. Additional changes are also being proposed to better manage the credit evaluation process and to improve consistency between the CWSRF and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Policies.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The following documents are available for review on the State Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/

- Draft CWSRF Policy Amendment (Redline Version) - Exhibit A
- Draft CWSRF Policy Amendment (Clean Version) - Exhibit B
- Summary of Proposed CWSRF Policy Amendments and Statement of Reasons - Exhibit C
- Appendix N Credit/Financial Guidelines
- Appendix O State and Federal Cross-Cutting Requirements
- Appendix Q Legal Opinion Templates

(To receive email notifications about the CWSRF Policy and other information related to the CWSRF Program, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and select "Clean Water State Revolving Fund.")

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed Draft CWSRF Policy Amendment. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis.

Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter – November 6, 2018 Board Meeting –CWSRF Policy Amendment**". Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on October 5, 2018** 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.

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.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the 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) 341-5254 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. An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet; it 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice by phone to Elisabeth Brown at (916) 341-5375 or Elnaz Nasaei at (916) 319-9283 or by email at CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 14, 2018
Date

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