



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

SUBJECT: WATER LOSS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS REGULATION

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. PST
Remote Participation Only

Zoom Meeting:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/95638596259?pwd=S1Q0dHZiMlhFSFo3emphK1AwUUxoZz09>

Meeting ID: 956 3859 6259; **Passcode:** 135828

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Staff will hold a public workshop to present its proposed water loss control regulation and answer questions. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but no formal action will be taken at this time. Any interested person may ask questions or provide input. However, formal comments should not be submitted during this workshop. For information on how to submit formal comments, after the formal rulemaking process has started see the forthcoming Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

BACKGROUND

Water Code section 10608.34 (added by Senate Bill 555 of 2015) requires the State Water Board to develop and adopt performance standards for water loss for urban retail water suppliers¹ (URWS or supplier), while considering lifecycle cost accounting. The proposed Water Loss Performance Standards (regulation) aim to reduce water loss and achieve more efficient water use in California. Additionally, section 10608.34 established water loss reporting for URWS. URWS have been required to report their water loss estimates through annual water loss audits since 2017.

The proposed regulation is designed to bring water losses to levels that are cost-effective and feasible for each URWS, and the proposed regulation will support each URWS in planning and implementing water loss control in a cost-effective manner. The intent of the proposed regulation is to identify and require each supplier to reduce leakage to the level

¹ “Urban retail water supplier” means a water supplier, either publicly or privately owned, that directly provides potable municipal water to more than 3,000 end users or that supplies more than 3,000 acre-feet of potable water annually at retail for municipal purposes (Wat. Code, § 10608.12).

of a specific volumetric standard that is based on its own unique characteristics and is cost-effective, while providing each supplier the flexibility to choose any effective approach best suited for its system and budget to meet its standard. Cost savings may be passed on to customers, and URWS supplying water to disadvantaged communities that face burdensome upfront costs will have additional time to comply if their standard requires at least a 25 percent reduction from their baseline.

MEETING PURPOSE

The workshop will provide a detailed overview of the proposed regulation, including the regulatory timeline, how to submit default parameter updates, and recent updates to the regulation. The remaining scheduled time will be used for answering stakeholder questions.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. These workshops will provide opportunities for stakeholder feedback. The presentation slides will be shared via email by contacting our Water Loss team at: ORPP-WaterLossControl@Waterboards.ca.gov.

NOTICE

This notice is available on the State Water Board's Water Loss Control webpage: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/water_loss_control.html.

CONTACT PERSONS

Any inquiries pertaining to this workshop should be addressed to ORPP-WaterLossControl@Waterboards.ca.gov:

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