



The October 14, 2004 meeting will be held at:

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Meeting & Water Committee
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Land Committee
Huntington Meeting Room

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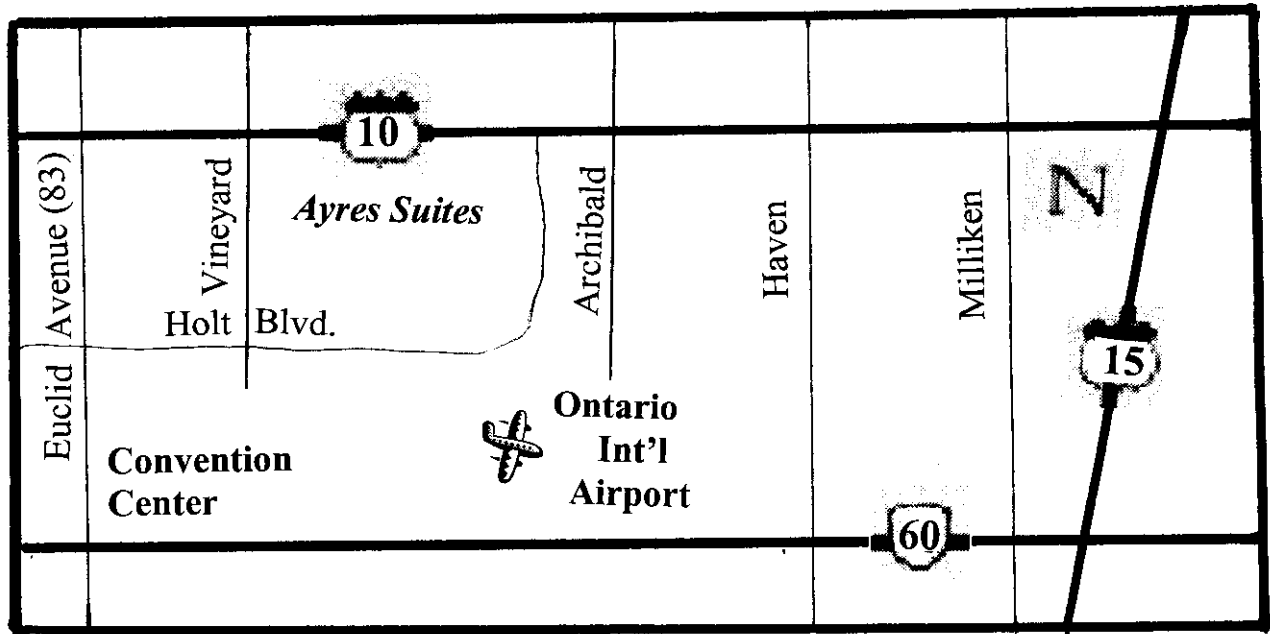
***Complimentary Shuttle service is available between the hotel and the airport.**

Joint SCAP Meeting with Tri-TAC

Land Committee will have an afternoon tour of Synagro's Corona Compost Facility. Lunch on your own. Tour participants will leave at 1:10 p.m. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel/airport. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maura Bonnarens at mbonnare@ebmud.com.

The CWEA Government Affairs Committee will be meeting from 12-1 p.m. in the hotel restaurant during lunch.

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TRI-TAC MEETING

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2004
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M. – GENERAL MEETING

ATTACHMENTS

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 26, 2004 –
TRI-TAC MEETING SUMMARY PP. 6-10
3. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE P. 11
4. TRI-TAC ROSTER PP. 12-19
5. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS P. 20
6. ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING REPORT
7. POPS UPDATE
8. NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF
PESTICIDE REGULATION AND
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
9. OTHER BUSINESS/NEW ISSUES

9:30 –11:45 A.M. – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEES WILL MEET SEPARATELY

11:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – GENERAL MEETING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. LAND
- B. WATER

LAND COMMITTEE AGENDA
October 2004

Item No.	Topic	Lead Person	Estimated Time (minutes)	Attachments
1.	SWRCB PEIR – next steps	Marlaine Hudnall	40	
2.	Kern County Issues	Layne Baroldi/Diane Gilbert	20	
3.	Biosolids Research	Karen Vargas	10	
4.	Biosolids Contract/Technologies	Ed McCormick	5	
5.	Regional Facilities Update: BACWA/SCAP	Ed McCormick/ Layne Baroldi	10	
6.	Merchant Facilities	Liz Ostoich	5	
7.	Biosolids Litigation			
	• National	Liz Ostoich	5	
	• California	Layne Baroldi	5	
8.	Local Ordinances			
	• Kern Co.	Layne Baroldi	5	
	• Kings Co.	Layne Baroldi	5	
	• Riverside Co.	Anne Briggs/ Liz Ostoich	5	
	• Solano Co.	Bonnie Jones	5	
	• San Luis Obispo Co.	Liz Ostoich	5	
	• La Paz/Yuma/Maricopa, AZ	Karen Vargas	5	
9.	Legislative Update	Marlaine Hudnall	5	
10.	Other	All	10	

REMEMBER: AFTERNOON TOUR OF SYNAGRO'S CARONA COMPOSTING FACILITY!!! LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (UNLESS YOU ATTEND THE CWEA GAC MEETING). WE WILL LEAVE THE MEETING LOCATION AT 1:10 PM.

WATER COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 14, 2004

Item No.	Topic	Lead Person	Estimated Time (minutes)	Attachments
<i>Discussion Items:</i>				
1.	Retreat Review	Ben Horenstein	30	Attachment 1 pp. 21-23
2.	SSO-related activities	Ben Horenstein	15	Attachment 2 pp. 24-26
3.	303d listing policy workshop review	Sharon/Bobbi	5	
4.	EDW Initiative	Sharon/Bobbi	5	
5.	Ocean Plan amendments	Jim Colston	10	
6.	SIP Amendments update	Monica Oakley	5	
7.	MMP Q&As update	Bobbi	5	
8.	Stakeholder Process for Detection and Quantification		5	Attachment 3 pp. 27-28
9.	E-SMR – Design Document review	Monica Oakley	15	Attachment 4 p. 29
<i>Items In Progress:</i>				
10.	Chlorine Residual Water Quality Objectives	Ben Horenstein		
11.	SWRCB TMDL Guidance	Bobbi Larson		
12.	Blending	Dave Williams		
13.	Sediment Quality Objectives	Tom Grovhaug		
14.	Mercury Water Quality Criteria/US Fish & Wildlife Review	Margie Nellor		
15.	LA/Burbank Litigation	Melissa Thorne		
<i>Afternoon Session 1-3 p.m.:</i>				
16.	TMDL presentation/discussion with Tom Mumley	Traci Minamide	2 hrs.	

MEETING SUMMARY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2004

SUBCOMMITTEE ISSUES AND GENERAL MEETING

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES WERE PRESENT:

Rodney Anderson, City of Burbank
Layne Baroldi, OCS D
Larry Bahr, Fairfield Sewer District
Anne Briggs, Eastern Municipal WD
Michael Carlin, San Francisco PUC
Donna Chen, City of LA
Jim Colston, OCS D
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James Kelly, Central Contra Costa

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Charles Weir, East Bay Dischargers Auth
David Williams, EBMUD
Jay Witherspoon, CH2MHill

Announcements and Discussion Items

Approval of Last Meeting's Action Items

Future Meeting Schedule

LAND COMMITTEE SUMMARY FROM AUGUST 26, 2004
LAYNE BAROLDI AND MAURA BONNARENS

1. SWRCB General Order

On July 22, 2004 the SWRCB took the following actions on the General Order:

- * Vacate the certification of the 2000 Final PEIR and GWDRs for the discharge of biosolids to land;
- * Certify the revised PEIR for land application of biosolids; and
- * Adopt GWDRs for land application of biosolids

In addition, we were successful in getting the addition of a policy statement to the General Order that articulates the SWRCB's support of the beneficial use of biosolids in California. The policy statement reads:

"This General Order establishes a regulatory system to manage biosolids in a manner that is reasonably protective of public health and the environment to the extent of present scientific knowledge. The beneficial use of biosolids through land application under this General Order is environmentally sound and preferable to non-beneficial disposal."

Additional "policy" language is found in the SWRCB's Resolution certifying the PEIR is as follows:

"The SWRCB finds that the Class A Only Alternative is infeasible because it would restrict the options available to POTWs for the land application of biosolids and substantially increase their management costs. . .

Having options available is necessary in order to enable POTWs to effectively manage their biosolids at a realistic cost. The health-related distinction between Class A biosolids and Class B biosolids, when applied subject to Part 503 regulations and the additional provisions of the GO, is negligible. Both result in essentially the same level of protection for the public. As discussed in the FEIR, there have been no documented cases of health impacts directly related to the land application of biosolids. Adoption of the Class A Only Alternative would create an additional economic burden for POTWs for negligible advantages in health and safety protections."

One outstanding issue that needs to be addressed is the GO's Mitigation Measure 5-3 which requires "compliance" with the Draft Final Report ISCORS Assessment of Radioactivity in Sewage Sludge: Recommendations on Management of Radioactive Materials in Sewage Sludge and Ash at Publicly Owned Treatment Works [emphasis added]. An action Plan: was developed to assist the SWRCB in the development of a regulatory protocol to achieve compliance with this "recommendation".

2. Litigation:

- a. SWRCB GO: In response to the 2000 Program EIR (PEIR) being overturned due to the lack of analyzing Class A biosolids as an alternative to Class B biosolids, the SWRCB amended the 2000 PEIR with the necessary analysis of Class A biosolids alternatives. The revised 2004 PEIR was certified on July 22, 2004. To the best of the SWRCB/CASA/Tri-TAC's knowledge, no appeal of the 2004 PEIR has been filed. Anyone wishing to file an appeal has 30 days to do so after a PEIR has been filed.
- b. Kern County (Federal Case): The case was dismissed on July 19, 2004. An appeal will not be filed. The court's focus was drawn to the question of whether the issues raised by this federal complaint were substantially identical to the issues raised in the state court action such that a decision on the merits in federal court would necessarily constitute a judgment reflecting on the correctness of the state court's legal conclusions and would therefore constitute a de facto appeal of the state court decision.
- c. Kern County (State Appeal - Fresno): The appellate court requested a supplemental brief from the agencies. The agencies will submit the requested information by September 29th. Kern County has until October 4th to respond. It is expected that oral arguments will be heard in November or December, 2004.
- d. Kings County (OCSD): Kings County has retained Mike Hogin (outside counsel used by Kern County) to assist them in the OCSD litigation. Kings County has filed a motion for summary judgment. OCSD has filed a petition to amend the complaint. The case will be heard in January, 2005.

3. Kern County

- a. Senator Florez: On Friday, August 20th, California State Senator Dean Florez (D-Shafter, Senate District 16) indicated via a local press conference that he will introduce legislation in 2005 for a statewide ban on the land application of all forms of biosolids to protect public health and groundwater quality in Kern County. This announcement seemed to be a result of 1) a four-part local "news" report on biosolids, 2) the clean-up of debris-strewn Southern California greenwaste that was reported to be illegally dumped west of Delano, and 3) a very loudly expressed concern by Kern County Water Agency officials that Los Angeles-area biosolids are being spread too close to groundwater aquifers. Florez said he will hold an "investigative hearing" in Delano Sept. 23 to get more information about the "dumping of Los Angeles-area waste" in Kern County. Florez said he knows it could be tough but he also wants to make the state's biosolids regulations stricter than the federal government's. That could include the banning the spreading of both Class A and Class B biosolids.
- b. KGET Channel 17: In early August, the local NBC affiliate, KGET, broadcast a four-part "news" report on biosolids. The following quote from the second installment captured the essence of the entire report: "What goes in the toilet and flows out of a

factory ends up being dumped on the fields in Kern County. Human waste and more, 368,574 tons of it are ending up on Kern County fields each year. And it's being dumped right where your drinking water comes from. On top of or right next to the underground water banks where our water is stored."

c. Kern County Water Agency: The Kern Water Agency (KWA) has been working the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to develop a cooperative program for relocating current biosolids land application sites to areas that are not overlying Kern's "usable" groundwater resources (water with <1,000 ppm TDS). KWA is in the process of developing an RFP to help evaluate the feasibility of a relocation program for land application sites over useable groundwater. KWA feels that the RFP process is the most efficient and effective method of generating reasonable relocation proposals; it can be implemented quickly and it harnesses the entrepreneurial spirit of the market. KWA will be looking for proposals that effectively meet the goals of both the generators and KWA. KWA will assist the generators with securing new required permits or relocating existing permits by being fully supportive of land applications on acceptable relocation site(s). Please note that any RFP process would not bind any generator to accept any particular proposal. KWA will make a presentation to the Kern County Board of Supervisors on their RFP proposal on September 28th.

4. Riverside County

On September 14th, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider a Class A biosolids ordinance. Highlights of the ordinance include that the ordinance only applies to using Class A products on farmland, (i.e., all other uses are exempt from ordinance including golf courses, schools, bagged operations and uses, landscaping, commercial uses). The ordinance seems to address purely odor / fly nuisance issues and makes it clear that Class A biosolids products are safe. Please note that the signage requirements were removed from the ordinance.

5. Air Committee Update

The Land Committee had the pleasure of having Jay Witherspoon and Jackie Kepke present information on numerous cross-media air quality issues and regulations that impact biosolids management. Jay and Jackie Specific specifically addressed an important WERF studies on odor and health impacts and compost facility permitting requirements. The presentation was so informative that a request was made to include presentations by the Air Committee on a regular basis.

August 2004 Tri-TAC Water Committee Meeting Summary

1. SSO Guidance Com. – Ben Horenstein
Reviewed the draft resolution and principles document which will be submitted to SWRCB staff and will be discussed at next SSO G. C. meeting. We need to think about ways to ensure broad support for this effort.

Review and discussion what Phil Wyels said at the recent Guidance Committee. Ben is coordinating a “legal forum” to further work through these issues.

3rd Party Certification – Review the proposal for CASA funding to explore this in greater detail. Bob Reid noted that the CASA Board will go for idea of using TAC \$ to do this. Ben and Sharon should work with Bobbi on moving forward on this.
2. 303d Listing Policy – Sharon Green
Update on new draft LP. SWRCB workshop set for Sept. 8.
3. Ocean Plan amendments – Jim Colston
Bac T – pretty much the same as before. Daily resampling still an issue. There may be an issue under the RP procedure. Need to check with SWRCB to see what they intend to do on October 6. Jim will organize a conference call. A comment letter will be prepared by the deadline in September.
4. LA River Metals TMDL – Donna Chen
Donna gave an overview of this TMDL development process. Agreed this was a good item for PM session. Need to continue to track, consider commenting when it gets to the SWRCB.
5. EPA Designated. Use Plan – Sharon Green
Main focus of EPA is an outreach looking for consistent approach by states and regions.
6. Ocean Action Plan – Sharon Green
Sharon will draft a letter early next week and send to Michele so she can send a BACWA letter.
7. SIP – Monica to contact Dena McCann to get update on the status of the SIP amendment process.
8. MMP Q & A - We will ask Bobbi to call Phil Wyels to find out the status of revising the Q & A document.
9. SWRCB E-reporting – Monica
There was a BACWA workshop yesterday (40 people) with Jim Maughan + Tom Howard. The SWRCB noted that permit standardization is a focus. Monica to follow up with Jim Maughan about this and try to get SWRCB to give POTWs an opportunity(s) to comment on the process and substance.
10. EDW – Sharon Green
There was a meeting with Gary Carlton and Tom Howard next week. Sharon will report back next meeting.

TRI-TAC MEETING LOCATION & SCHEDULE 2004-2005

TRI-TAC MEETING DATE ¹	LOCATION/HOTEL	COMMENTS ²
SEPTEMBER 2004	NO MEETING	
OCTOBER 14, 2004	Ayres Suites 1945 East Holt Boulevard Ontario, CA 91874 (909) 390-7778	Joint SCAP Meeting with Tri-TAC. Land Committee – Afternoon tour of Synagro's Corona Compost Facility. Water Committee – afternoon meeting regarding State TMDL program status.
NOVEMBER 4, 2004	California Teachers Association 1118 10 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 325-1500	Land Committee – afternoon tour of Sacramento Regional CSD's Heat Drying Facility
DECEMBER 9, 2004	To Be Announced Oakland	Holiday luncheon
JANUARY 19, 2005	To Be Announced Ontario	Wednesday meeting
FEBRUARY 10, 2005	To Be Announced Oakland	
MARCH 10, 2005	California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 1020 11 th Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	
APRIL 7, 2005	To Be Announced Oakland	
MAY 12, 2005	To Be Announced Ontario	
JUNE 9, 2005	California Teachers Association 1118 10 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 325-1500	
JULY 14, 2005	To Be Announced Oakland	
<p>¹ If you would like to add an agenda item or schedule a presentation for an upcoming meeting, please contact one of the committee co-chairs at least 14 days before the designated meeting date</p> <p>² If you would like an “after Tri-TAC” meeting noted in the agenda package, please contact Sharon Green at least ten days before the designated meeting date.</p> <p>★ Air Committee will meet.</p>		

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**TriTAC 2004 Retreat
Water Committee**

1. Identified through brainstorming the following list of committee activities for the upcoming year:

- Enforcement Issues
 - MMPs
 - Cities Suits
 - Compliance Orders
 - Criminal Liability
 - Enforcement Policy
- TMDLs
 - State Policy
 - Guidance
 - Individual TMDLs
- SIP
 - Reasonable potential
 - Dilution
 - Random hits
 - DNQ concerns
 - Compliance schedules (2010)
 - PMPs
 - Alternatives to numeric limits
 - Obiquitous trace organic pollutants
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- Electronic Reporting System
 - Statewide effort
 - Permit template
- Compliance Schedules
- California Performance Review
- Anti degradation
- Nutrients
 - Criteria
 - Pilot project
- Designated use/EDW policy
- New WQ criteria
- Mercury issues
- EDCs/emerging pollutants
- 303(d)
 - Policy
 - 2005 list
- Sediment quality objectives
- Chlorine residual (SWRCB initiative)
- Brine management
- California Ocean Plan

- Triennial review
- Amend
- RP calculations
- Training assistance for Water Board staff
- Permitting process (due process)
- Impact of low MLs and MDLs
- IPA program with State (Swap staff)

2. Prioritized issues for further discussion and development of action plans, based upon the following criteria:

- Importance
- Collaboration opportunities
- Likelihood of success
- Time sensitivity
- Statewide significance
- Resource demand

Resulting in the following 4 issues:

- 1 - SIP
- 2 - SSOs
- 3 - ERS
- 4 - TMDL

And two additional issues

- 1 – California Ocean Plan
- 2 – Training/Communication with SWRCB staff

3. Developed the following 6 Action Plans

3a SIP – specific to concern of specific constituents exceeding WQOs resulting in potential long-term compliance issues

- Understand Issue
 - What constituents
 - Who has what problems
 - Develop template \ Hire consultant
 - Gather Data / - prepare scope of work (Dave Williams / Margie N.)
 - CASA technical funds
- Communicate issue to State Board
- Develop solutions
 - Alternative to numeric limits
 - 303(d) listing
 - Variances
 - Site specific objectives
 - UAAs
 - Amend CTR/SIP
 - Review economic impact

3b TMDLs

- Support adoption and implementation TMDL guidance document (Bobbi L.)
- Monitor precedent-setting TMDLs, good & bad
- Case studies
 - Process
 - Outcomes
- Place case studies on web site
 - Develop format for input (Phil B.??)
 - Develop afternoon sessions
 - Info sharing w/regulators
 - TriTAC comments on individual TMDLs, good & bad

3c Sanitary Sewer Overflows (Ben H.)

- Implementation mechanism forum (Ben H., Bobbi L., Monica O.)
 - Legal focus
 - NPDES vs. WDR vs. Policy
- Review Clean Water Services permit (Jackie K.)
- Develop “2nd run” w/Phil Wyels
- Outreach to small POTWs/satellite
- Continue 3rd Party Certification development
 - Scope of work \ (Rebecca B.)
 - CASA Technical Funds /

3d Electronic Reporting System (Monica O, Martha R., Chuck W.)

- Define timeline w/clear POTW review/involvement with State Board
 - Include startup/shakeout period
 - Timing for WEB access by public
 - Voluntary participation time period
- Circulate list of issues from BACWA, SCAP, others
- Link to ECHO
- Strategy in case this goes “off course”
- Link efforts with established Task Force of POTW participants

3e “Training” w/Regulators (Monica O., Ben H., Bobbi L., Chuck W., Dave W.)

- Develop module outline
- Meet with SWRCB staff to share outline and discuss next steps

3f California Ocean Plan (Jim C., Tom G., Martha R.)

- Reasonable Potential – comments (with caution) in support
- EPA Technical Support Document

CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION

In Support of a Collaborative Strategy for Collection System Management to Reduce Sewer System Overflows by the State Board and interested parties

Whereas, Sewer System Overflows (SSOs), can pose a risk to both human health and the environment and are a significant contributor to beach closures.

Whereas, some SSOs are small in volume and do not present human health or environmental risks.

Whereas, some SSOs are contained and pumped back into the collection system prior to reaching waters of the State.

Whereas, while not all SSOs are preventable, the number and size of SSOs generally can be reduced through the application of sound and appropriate operating, infrastructure maintenance and management principals to wastewater collection systems.

Whereas, to facilitate proper management of collection systems, each collection system owner or operator should develop and implement, a facility-specific Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). To be effective, these SSMPs should include the applicable elements that provide proper management, operation and maintenance of collection systems.

Whereas, many local public agencies in California have already developed SSMPs and implemented measures to reduce SSOs, but others still require technical assistance and, in some cases, funding to accomplish this goal. The development of a “model” SSMP would be a key element of assistance for these agencies.

Whereas, developing a mechanism for third party review and certification of SSMPs by technically qualified and experienced persons may provide a useful and cost-effective alternative method for ensuring that SSMPs are developed appropriately.

Whereas, it is the Board’s desire to gather information on the causes and sources of SSOs in order for the Board to determine the full extent of SSOs and consequent environmental impacts occurring in the State.

Whereas, uniform SSO reporting and a centralized statewide electronic database is needed to collect information in order for the Board to effectively analyze the information about SSOs.

Whereas, several of the Regional Boards are engaged in initiatives to address SSOs, and some have issued waste discharge requirements or NPDES Permits to collection system owners/operators within their jurisdictions.

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Whereas, many of the Regional Boards and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) have taken a range of enforcement actions on SSOs.

Whereas, the State Board has convened a statewide Guidance Committee comprised of representatives from the State Board staff, Regional Board staff, county environmental health departments, environmental groups, U.S. EPA, and local public collection system owners, to advise the Board on the development of this collection system management and SSO reduction initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. It is the goal of the State Board and the participants in this process to improve water quality in California through a reduction in the number and volume of SSOs.
2. A key approach to achieve reduction in SSOs is through the development and adherence to applicable industry standards by developing a “model” SSMP.
3. Unique conditions such as geographic location and topography, age of system, size of system, design criteria of system, and the financial capability of the community, indicate that SSMPs must be tailored for individual facility implementation to be most effective.
4. It is the intent of the State Board that a system for third party review and certification of SSMPs by technically qualified and experienced persons be evaluated, and if feasible, developed.
5. It is the intent of the State Board that a statewide reporting system for SSOs be developed, including consistent reporting thresholds, whereby SSOs that are of a reportable quantity will be reported into a centralized statewide database through an electronic reporting system that provides a comprehensive tracking system for SSOs.
6. It is the intent of the State Board to continue the efforts of the SSO Guidance Committee to advise staff and the Board on the development and implementation of actions necessary to reduce SSOs.
7. It is the intent of the State Board, that staff in coordination with the SSO Guidance Committee, develop a proposed Sewer Overflow Reduction Program that will direct publicly owned collection systems to develop and implement SSMPs that incorporate appropriate management practices, provide consistent Statewide reporting of SSOs, explore third party SSMP review and certification, and propose appropriate enforcement guidelines, by November 2005. The Board will then consider adopting the recommended implementation approach.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
40 CFR Part 136
[FRL-7813-5]

Potential Stakeholder Process for Detection and Quantitation Procedures

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document announces EPA's intent to explore the feasibility and design of a process through which stakeholders could provide their ideas and recommendations on procedures for the development of detection and quantitation limits and uses of these limits in Clean Water Act (CWA) programs.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA approves analytical methods (i.e., test procedures) used for monitoring and reporting chemical pollutants under the CWA. EPA's analytical methods specify detection limits to determine if a pollutant is present. Quantitation limits describe the

concentration of a pollutant that can be measured with a known level of confidence. These values are often used as reporting and compliance limits by the States, Tribes and EPA Regions that administer and enforce permit limits on direct discharges into water. These values are also often used by States and localities in administering and enforcing pretreatment programs for indirect discharges.

EPA published two documents in the Federal Register on this topic on March 12, 2003, for public comment. One document announced the availability of EPA's assessment of detection and quantitation procedures that are applied to analytical methods used under the CWA (68 FR 11791). The second document proposed revisions to the detection and quantitation definitions and procedures specified at 40 CFR part 136 (68 FR 11770). The proposed regulatory revisions were based largely on the results of the assessment and on comments from users of the method detection limit procedure. Further analysis of some of the public comments, prompted EPA to explore the feasibility and design of a stakeholder process to obtain additional stakeholder input on procedures for the development of detection and quantitation limits and uses of these limits in CWA programs.

The Agency is beginning the process to engage a neutral third party to conduct a situation assessment to determine whether a stakeholder process should go forward and, if so, how that process should be designed. During a situation assessment, the neutral third party talks with affected stakeholders about their ideas for the design of multi-party discussions on the policy and technical issues. As a result of these discussions, EPA expects the neutral third party to make recommendations about the feasibility and design of a stakeholder process, including format, schedule, and topics for discussion. If the neutral third party recommends that a stakeholder process is feasible, EPA will, as soon as possible, implement a process during which stakeholders could provide their ideas and recommendations on procedures for the development of detection and quantitation limits and uses of these limits in CWA programs. We estimate that the neutral third party's recommendations will probably be available in November 2004.

EPA plans to post the final situation assessment report on the EPA Web site at http://ww
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State and Regional Boards staffs recently meet with the contractor to go over the e-SMR project and the overall new database requirements for the SWRCB and Regional Boards. (The meeting was about two weeks ago). I have enclosed portion of that presentation that presents the discharger login and security and the e-SMR components.

Again this is still draft and some changes were suggested by SWRCB/RWQCB staff. Regional Board staff and I also brought of issues and comments that were received at several discharger meeting that I have attended. This is an evolving project but we are getting very close to starting production. So some changes will be made at this point and some might be made at a latter date (subsequent phase).

I hope you will find this information valuable. I have appreciated the comments and suggestions and hope to keep the dialog going. If you have question please get back to me.

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