

TRASH MONITORING WEBINAR SERIES 2021

The goal of this webinar series is to share our current collective knowledge to support current practices and advances in trash monitoring and the development of data analysis and visualization tools aimed at assessing the effectiveness of policies and practices for limiting the amounts of trash in the environment. Webinars will be held monthly starting in January 2021.

The webinar series is being sponsored by the [Trash Monitoring Workgroup](#) and the [California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network](#). Webinar recordings and materials will be made available on the Network's [website](#). There is no registration. Participation will be on a first come basis. However, we do not anticipate exceeding our hosting ability.

Webinar Topic: Trash Provisions Implementation

When: Thursday January 21, 2021 11:30am – 12:30pm

Presenter: Leo Cosentini, WRCE – State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Water Quality
[Statewide Water Quality Control Plans for Trash](#)

Trash discarded on land frequently makes its way into streams, creeks, rivers, and eventually the ocean, as rain storms wash it into gutters and storm drains. Types of trash generated by human activity that frequently pollute waterways include cigarette butts, paper, fast food containers, plastic grocery bags, cans and bottles, used diapers, construction site debris, industrial preproduction plastic pellets, old tires, appliances, and more. Trash is a significant pollutant of California's waters that adversely affects beneficial uses, including but not limited to uses that support aquatic life, wildlife, and public health. Reducing trash in waterways is a problem that can be solved with the collected effort of the public, agencies, organizations, and permittees. Just as there are many kinds of trash, there are many methods to prevent it from fouling our waterways such as street sweeping, education programs on littering, and the installation of trash-catching devices on storm drains.

On April 7, 2015, the State Water Board adopted an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan) to Control Trash and Part 1 Trash Provision of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries (ISWEBE Plan). Together, they are collectively referred to as 'the Trash Amendments'. The project objective for the Trash Amendments is to provide statewide consistency for the Water Boards' regulatory approach to protect aquatic life and public health beneficial uses, and reduce environmental issues associated with trash in state waters, while focusing limited resources on high trash generating areas.

[Storm Water Program - Trash Implementation Program](#)

The Trash Amendments apply to all Phase I and II permittees under the NPDES municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permits. The State Water Resources Control Board Executive Director sent separate 13383 Orders to traditional and non-traditional Small MS4 permittees on June 1, 2017. Regional Water Quality Control Boards, as the Permitting Authority, issued to their Phase I permittees either Water Code 13383 or 13267 Orders that contain region specific requirements, which may differ from the State Water Resources Control Board orders.

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