

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PRE-RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF UPDATES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR IDLE WELLS

June 29, 2017

The Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) has publicly released pre-rulemaking draft regulations (Discussion Draft) for the purpose of receiving public input on the development of updates to Idle Well Regulations implementing the provisions of AB 2729 (Williams, Chapter 272, Statutes of 2016). **Due to public interest, the comment period has been extended 30 days, from July 21 to August 21, 2017.**

The Division will be conducting one public workshop to provide information and to solicit input from the public on the Discussion Draft. The public workshop is scheduled for the following date and location:

**July 14, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Four Points Sheraton
5101 California Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93309**

BACKGROUND

This public comment period is part of an informal, pre-rulemaking process to develop regulations, and all interested parties are encouraged to participate.

The Discussion Draft addresses regulatory provisions which include requirements related to plugging and abandonment, testing, remediation, and the securing of idle wells in public places. The Discussion Draft also addresses testing requirements for observation wells.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Discussion Draft and related documents and information are available on the Division's website at: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/general_information/Pages/IdleWells.aspx.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written submissions may be provided to the Division by regular mail or email at:

Department of Conservation
801 K Street, MS 24-02
Sacramento, CA 95814
ATTN: AB 2729 Regulations

DOGGRRegulations@conservation.ca.gov
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The comments received throughout the current comment period will be reviewed and considered as the Division develops its proposed regulations. The proposed regulations will be made public when the Division commences a formal rulemaking process.

ACCESSIBILITY

Services, such as language translation, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of these services, please make your request no later than ten working days prior to the hearing by calling the staff person referenced in this notice.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the process of the proposed action, or if you would like to receive a hard copy of the Discussion Draft by mail, please contact Mr. Tim Shular, Office of Governmental, and Environmental Relations at (916) 322-3080, or by email at DOGGRRegulations@conservation.ca.gov.