

# **Guidance for Determining NPDES Permitting Fees for Applicants of the New Statewide NPDES Permit for Drinking Water System Discharges**

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- 1. If the water purveyor does not have coverage under a current Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit, then the water purveyor will need to get coverage under the Drinking Water System Discharge Permit:**  
The new permit application process will be used with the new permit fee schedule.
  
- 2. If the water purveyor has coverage under a current Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit, but the Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit coverage does not fully cover all discharges that will be covered under the new Drinking Water System Discharge Permit, then the water purveyor will need to terminate coverage under the Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit and get coverage under the Drinking Water System Discharge Permit:**
  - a. The new permit application process will be used with the new permit fee schedule.
  - b. The State Water Board NPDES staff will coordinate with the associated Regional Water Board NPDES staff to determine if the annual fee for the current Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit needs to be adjusted. Based on the issue date of Notice of Applicability for the new Drinking Water System Discharge Permit, State Water Board NPDES staff will generate a Form X to modify/reduce the existing invoice issued under Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit.
  - c. During the new application process, the State Water Board NPDES staff will instruct the water purveyor to pay any issued invoice in full. If State Water Board NPDES staff determines that an invoice amount should be reduced, the State Water Board will issue a refund for excess payments.
  
- 3. If the water purveyor has coverage under a current Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit for discharges that will be covered in the new Drinking Water System Discharge Permit and other discharges are not included in the new Drinking Water System Discharge Permit, then the water purveyor will need coverage under both permits:**
  - a. The new permit application process will be used with the new permit fee schedule.
  - b. The existing State Water Board annual fee invoice for the existing Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit will not be impacted and will remain payable in full.
  
- 4. If the water purveyor has coverage under a current Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit and the entire existing regulatory coverage is being replaced by the new Drinking Water System Discharge Permit, then the water purveyor will need to terminate coverage under the Regional Board-issued NPDES Permit and get coverage under the Drinking Water System Discharge Permit:**
  - a. The new permit application process will be used with the new permit fee schedule.
  - b. The State Water Board NPDES staff will coordinate with the associated Regional Water Board NPDES staff to determine if the annual fee for the current Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit needs to be adjusted. Based on the issue date of Notice of Applicability for the new Drinking Water System Discharge Permit, State Water Board NPDES staff will generate a Form X to modify/reduce the existing invoice issued under Regional Water Board-issued NPDES permit.

- c. During the new application process, the State Water Board NPDES staff will instruct the water purveyor to pay any issued invoice in full. If State Water Board NPDES staff determines that an invoice amount should be reduced, the State Water Board will issue a refund for excess payments.