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Reissuance of the Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control General Permit

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Ecology NPDES Aquatic Pesticide Permits

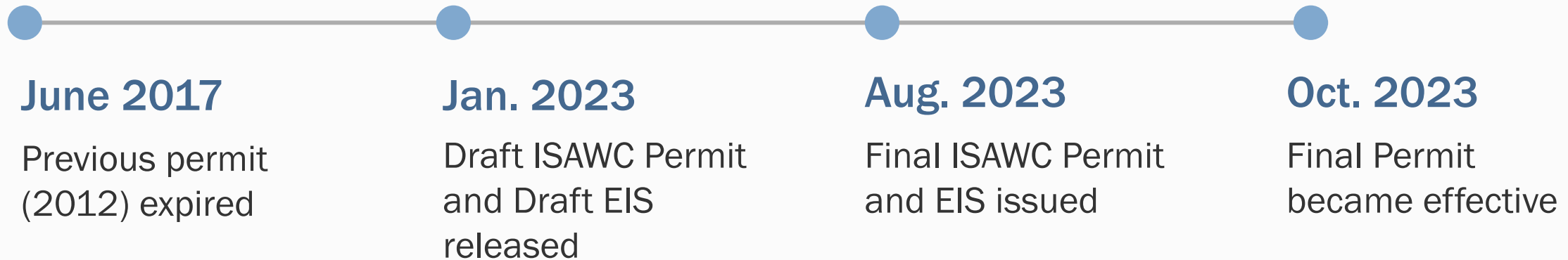
- Aquatic & Invasive Species Control (2023)
 - Aquatic Invasive Species Management, Fisheries Resource Management, Invasive Moth Control
- Aquatic Mosquito Control
- Aquatic Noxious Weed Control
- Aquatic Plant and Algae Management
- **Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control**
- Zostera Japonica Management

Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control General Permit



- ISAWC or Irrigation Permit
- Combined National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit
- Covers discharges from pesticide-treated water from irrigation canals into surface waters

Timeline of ISAWC Permit Reissuance





Goals of Permit Reissuance

- Address concerns of permittees
- Address gaps
- Maintain environmental protections
- Update permit to current standards



Major Changes in the 2023 Permit

- More flexibility for permittees
 - Holding water, reporting, implementation schedules
- More specific language
- Pictogram signage requirements
- Plans and studies
- Adjuvants
- Digital reporting



Reflecting on the Process

- Communicating frequently with permittees
- Shifting schedules
- Balancing priorities
- Finding consistency with other permits and agencies



Looking Ahead

- Permit implementation schedule
- Technical assistance
- Looking ahead to 2028
- Ongoing regulatory changes



Looking Ahead, Continued

- Signage implementation schedule
- Reduced monitoring plans
- Application plans and IVMPs
- Digital submittals
- Permit appeal
 - PCHB website for more information
- Aquatic Life Criteria Rulemaking

Thank you

Questions?

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