
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR Remote Participation Only

Drinking Water Capacity Development Strategy Update

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and discuss the proposed revisions to the state's Capacity Development Strategy for public drinking water systems.

If you wish to discuss an agenda item or ask a question: Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting platform is available in the public comment section of this notice (below).

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XIG3sIPIR_ScntpvlIAYmw

PUBLIC COMMENT

This webinar is open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to discuss agenda items via videoconference or telephonically. Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

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LANGUAGE SERVICES

Language interpretation or if you require sign language services can be provided for the webinar, please email a request to DDW-SAFERNAU@Waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 business days before the webinar.

BACKGROUND

The Capacity Development program was established as a key component of the 1996 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments. The Capacity Development program provides a framework for states and water systems to work together to protect

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public health. The Amendments have provided incentives (including funding) for each state to develop a Capacity Development program to assist public water systems in building technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity.

The SDWA allows the states the flexibility to develop their own strategy to meet the individual needs of the state. However, the SDWA requires that the strategy be developed with adequate input from identified stakeholders including the public. California's initial Capacity Development Strategy was adopted in 2000. The Capacity Development Strategy has developed and evolved over time since then.

PURPOSE

This meeting is designed to solicit input on the State Water Board's updated Drinking Water Capacity Development Strategy (Strategy). The updated Strategy is being prepared pursuant to requirements of the U.S. EPA. The updated Strategy is envisioned to build on the previous version of the Strategy which was last revised in 2020.

The State Water Board's updated Capacity Development Strategy is intended to incorporate the new SAFER program as a key element of the Strategy. Federal SDWA Section 1420(c)(2) requires that States, in preparing their Capacity Development Strategies, solicit and consider public comment on, and include as appropriate the following:

1. The methods or criteria that the State will use to identify and prioritize the public water systems most in need of improving TMF capacity.
2. A description of the institutional, regulatory, financial, tax, or legal factors at the Federal, State, or local level that encourage or impair capacity development.
3. A description of how the State will use the authorities and resources of this title or other means to assist public water systems in complying with regulations, encourage the development of partnerships between public water systems to enhance the TMF capacity of the systems, and assist public water systems in the training and certification of operators.
4. A description of how the State will establish a baseline and measure improvements in capacity with respect to federal regulations and State drinking water law.
5. An identification of the persons that have an interest in and are involved in the development and implementation of the capacity development strategy (including all appropriate agencies of Federal, State, and local governments, private and nonprofit public water systems and public water system customers).

In addition, America's Water infrastructure Act of 2018 amended this section of the SDWA to include:

6. A description of how the state will, as appropriate—(i) encourage development by public water systems of asset management plans that include best practices for asset management; and (ii) assist, including through the provision of technical assistance, public water systems in training operators or other relevant and appropriate persons in implementing such asset management plans.

AGENDA

- Background on Capacity Development Strategy.
- Discussion of Capacity Development Strategy goals.
- Potential changes for Capacity Development Strategy Elements.
- Options for addressing the integration of Asset Management into the Strategy.
- Public comment.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please register for the webinar to receive the participation link for discussion. Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided via email.

The webinar registration page:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to DDW-SAFERNAU@Waterboards.ca.gov.

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