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## State Water Resources Control Board

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, BOARD WORKSHOP, AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (FEP). Public written comments must be submitted no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, September 14, 2022**. Written comments must be submitted per the procedures in the “Submission of Comments” section of this public notice.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Board will have a Board Workshop on the Draft FY 2022-23 FEP on **Tuesday, August 16, 2022**. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but the State Water Board will take no action. The Board Workshop will be held on:

**Tuesday August 16, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor**  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento

**And via Video and Teleconference (For public commenters)**

**Video and Teleconference Option:** This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location with an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

- For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on this item, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution will be available at least 10 days before the meeting at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/)

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**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Board will consider adopting the Draft FY 2022-23 FEP on **Tuesday, November 1, 2022** at the State Water Board Meeting. The anticipated date, time, and location of the Board Meeting are provided below.

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor**  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento

**And via Video and Teleconference (For public commenters)**

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- For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution will be available at least 10 days before the meeting: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/)

Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location or format of the public meeting should sign up for the email distribution list, as described below under “Future Notices”.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SADW Fund) was established through Senate Bill 200 (SB200) in July 2019. The SADW Fund provides up to \$130 million per year to develop and implement solutions for domestic wells and water systems that are not sustainable or have violations of drinking water standards. Types of projects include, but are not limited to, consolidation with a larger system, extension of service, provision of interim replacement water, planning assistance, reducing and supporting operations and maintenance costs, and providing administrators. Projects generally must benefit a disadvantaged community or low-income households.

The State Water Board adopted the [Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan](#) (FEP Policy) for the SADW Fund. The FEP Policy establishes and documents the State Water Board’s direction on how the annual FEP will be developed. The FEP Policy identifies and defines key terms and metrics; describes how proposed remedies will be identified, evaluated, prioritized, and included in the FEP; establishes a petition process for consideration of consolidation orders for disadvantaged communities; and includes a public hearing requirement.

The State Water Board is updating the FEP, which is an annual document required by the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water statute which documents past and planned expenditures and prioritizes projects for funding. The Draft FY 2022-23 FEP is informed by an annual statewide drinking water needs assessment, which was released in May 2022, and developed in consultation with stakeholders. The FEP discusses funding capacity and distribution of funds; prioritization of solutions for water systems, administrators, technical assistance, interim solutions, emergencies, operation and maintenance, state smalls, and households supplied by domestic wells; other activities such as community engagement and workforce development; financing and programmatic requirements; goals, and metrics.

Expenditures from the 2022-23 SADW Fund allocation must be consistent with the FY2022-23 FEP.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The Draft FY 2022-23 FEP will be available for review on the State Water Board's website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/sustainable\\_water\\_solutions/safer.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/safer.html)

You may also request a copy of the Draft FY2022-23 FEP by contacting Mr. Harish Bagha at (916) 341-5716 or [Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov).

After reviewing public comments, an updated version of the Draft FY2022-23 FEP will be posted for public comment prior to Board consideration of adoption. This will occur as part of the regular State Water Board Meeting Agenda process, at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar).

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/board\\_presentations.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml).

#### **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the Draft FY 2022-23 FEP. To submit written comments, please use the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Draft FY 2022-23 FEP**". Written comments must be received by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, September 14, 2022** and should be submitted to the attention of:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email (if less than 15 megabytes) at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers

delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

At the Board Workshop and Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments to the Board and to summarize and supplement their written materials. If you would like to provide oral comments, please follow the remote participation guidelines available at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/#provide\\_comments](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/#provide_comments)

## **FUTURE NOTICES**

Any change in the date, time, the public comment period, or to the intended date of State Water Board consideration of adoption of the Draft FEP will be provided via the State Water Board's email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Draft FEP must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list.

- (1) Access the State Water Board email subscription web page  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html)
- (2) Click the "General Interests" tab
- (3) Check the box for "Board Meetings"
- (4) Fill in the required signup details, and
- (5) Press the "Subscribe" button

## **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least ten business days before the meeting (by May 10, 2022) by contacting Marina Pérez at (916) 322-4265.

## **SERVICIO DE INTERPRETACIÓN DE IDIOMAS**

Para solicitar el servicio de interpretación de idiomas o en el lenguaje de señas, comuníquese a más tardar el 10 de mayo con Marina Pérez al número telefónico (916) 322-4265.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

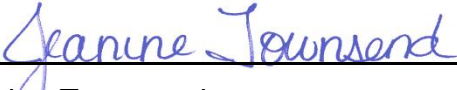
If you have limitations hearing or speaking, you may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (teletypewriter) or (800) 735-2922 (voice). A broadcast of the hearing will be available via internet and can be accessed at

<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct all questions regarding this notice to Mr. Harish Bagha at (916) 341-5716 or [Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov).

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August 8, 2022  
Date

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board