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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR Remote Participation Only SAFER Needs Assessment Webinar Series 2020**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to demonstrate and seek feedback on the California Small Water Systems Rates Dashboard. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

#### **Pilot Small Water System Rates Financial Dashboard Webinar**

**Friday, October 30, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT**

Register [here](#)

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to receive input from interested persons on the cost model for estimating costs associated with implementing interim and long-term solutions for failing and at-risk systems. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

#### **Cost Assessment Webinar on In-Depth Cost Model Methodology**

**Friday, November 20, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT**

Register [here](#)

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold its fourth public webinar to receive input from interested persons concerning the identification of at-risk public water systems. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

#### **Risk Assessment Webinar on Thresholds, Weighting and Scoring**

**Monday, December 14, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT**

Register [here](#)

## **PURPOSE & AGENDAS**

### **October 30<sup>th</sup> PILOT SMALL WATER SYSTEM RATES FINANCIAL DASHBOARD WEBINAR:**

This webinar will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about and provide feedback on the California Small Water Systems Rates Dashboard developed by the University of North Carolina Environmental Finance Center. The Dashboard analyzes financial indicators for all California community water systems in the range of 500 to 3,300 service connections. The data collected by this effort, and displayed on the Dashboard, will provide increased transparency to the public, policymakers, and others regarding the financial viability of water systems. It will serve as a powerful tool to demonstrate the relative costs associated with providing drinking water.

View pilot Dashboard here: <https://efc.sog.unc.edu/resource/california-small-water-systems-rates-dashboard>

**AGENDA** Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Background on Rates Dashboard
2. University of North Carolina's approach to the financial risk indicators and Dashboard development.

### **November 20<sup>th</sup> COST ESTIMATE WEBINAR:**

The State Water Board is seeking public feedback on development of a cost model for estimating costs associated with implementing interim and long-term solutions for failing and at-risk systems. This webinar will provide an in-depth overview of the model's methodology, embedded assumptions, and cost data. This webinar will be an extension of a webinar hosted by the State Water Board on August 28, 2020 and published [White Paper](#)

**AGENDA** Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Overview of Needs Assessment and Cost Estimate
2. In- depth cost model methodology for the implementation of interim and/or emergency measures and long-term solutions for systems in violation and at-risk systems.

### **December 14<sup>th</sup> RISK ASSESSMENT WEBINAR:**

This webinar will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about and contribute to the State Water Board's approach to developing a more robust Risk Assessment for public water systems that aligns with the goals of the Human Right to Water. The State Water Board is seeking feedback on proposed thresholds, weights, and scoring approaches for recommended risk indicators. This webinar is the fourth in a series of webinars the State Water Board is hosting in 2020 to solicit feedback on developing the Risk Assessment. Visit the SAFER website to access previous webinar recordings, presentation materials, and white papers, and to learn more about this effort: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/calendar.html>

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1. Overview of Needs Assessment and Risk Assessment
2. Proposed thresholds for risk indicators and weighting and scoring recommendations for Risk Assessment 2.0

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This meeting 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.

**If you wish to watch the meetings:** A webcast will be available at [video.calepa.ca.gov/](http://video.calepa.ca.gov/) and should be used unless you intend to discuss an agenda item.

**If you wish to discuss an agenda item:** Please register for the webinars to receive the participation link for discussion using the following links:

Pilot Financial Dashboard registration link: [bit.ly/SAFER-PilotDash](http://bit.ly/SAFER-PilotDash)

Cost Estimate registration link: [bit.ly/SAFER-CostMethods2](http://bit.ly/SAFER-CostMethods2)

Risk Assessment registration link: [bit.ly/SAFER-RiskThresholds](http://bit.ly/SAFER-RiskThresholds)

## **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

Spanish language interpretation can be provided for the webinar. If you require Spanish-language interpretation please RSVP to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov).

If you require interpretation for a language other than Spanish or if you require sign language services, please email a request to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 business days before the meeting.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

## BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is implementing the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program with a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that the approximately one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as soon as possible.

Foremost among the tools created under SB 200 is the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. The Fund provides up to \$130 million per year through 2030 to enable the State Water Board to develop and implement sustainable solutions for underperforming drinking water systems. The annual Fund Expenditure Plan prioritizes projects for funding, documents past and planned expenditures, and is “based on data and analysis drawn from the drinking water Needs Assessment” (Health and Safety Code §116769).

The State Water Board’s Needs Assessment consists of three core components: The Affordability Assessment, Risk Assessment, and Cost Assessment. The results of the Needs Assessment will be used to prioritize public water systems, tribal water systems, state small water systems, and domestic wells for funding in the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Expenditure Plan; direct State Water Board technical assistance; and to develop strategies for implementing interim and long-term solutions.

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. The presentation slides will be sent out ahead of time and shared via webcast. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

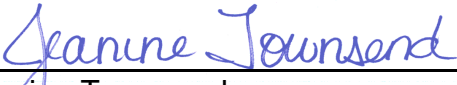
## FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices, including any changes to this notice of public webinars, must sign up for the e-mail distribution list using the [subscription form](#) select the box for ‘SAFER Drinking Water’ (located within the section entitled ‘General Interests’), and provide the required information.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov).

October 28, 2020  
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