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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR Remote Participation Only**

#### **California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program Application Webinar**

**Date: October 20, 2021**

**Start Time: 10:00 a.m.**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar training session on how to complete the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program Application. The application information and attachments will allow the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to issue payments to community water systems for their arrearages. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

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

**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**

The presentation will be emailed to registered parties prior to the webinar.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The State Water Board is developing a program to distribute \$1 billion of relief to reduce outstanding customer water bills that went unpaid as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1</sup> This funding covers water debt from residential and commercial customers accrued between March 4, 2020 and June 15, 2021. Legislation requires the State Water Board to survey water systems for outstanding debt and adopt program guidelines.

The State Water Board surveyed community water systems from August 11 through September 10, 2021. The Arrearage Program Guidelines were adopted by the State Water Board on September 21, 2021. Legislation requires the application to be available 14 days after adoption. Those community water systems that completed the survey and reported arrearages will be able to open an application on October 5, 2021. The application will be available in the electronic annual report (EAR) platform.

Community water systems that missed the survey deadline or that chose not to participate may still participate in the arrearages program by filling out an abbreviated survey that is also accessed through the EAR platform.

## **PURPOSE**

Provide an overview of how to access and complete the Arrearage Program Application.

## **AGENDA**

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Overview and Status of the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program
2. Purpose of the Arrearage Application
3. How to Access the Application
4. Overview of Application Questions and Attachments
5. How to Access Assistance to Complete the Application

## **CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT APPLICATION WEBINAR**

The State Water Board will open the application for community water systems that completed a survey and reported arrearages on October 5, 2021. When released, systems will have 60 days to complete the application. The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the application process and provide assistance to those community water systems that are filling out the application.

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 116773) of Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. 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 State Water Board's community water system Administrative Contact (AC) e-mail distribution list.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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October 12, 2021  
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