
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, BOARD WORKSHOP, AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 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) 2023-24 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, August 30, 2023**. 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 2023-24 FEP on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023**. 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:

Wednesday August 16, 2023 – 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/

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adopting the Draft FY 2023-24 FEP on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** at the State Water Board Meeting. The anticipated date, time, and location of the Board Meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento

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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/

Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location or format of these public meetings 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 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. Funding is generally prioritized for small, disadvantaged communities or low-income households.

The State Water Board adopted the [Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan](#) for the SADW Fund (SADW Fund Policy). The SADW Fund Policy establishes and documents the State Water Board’s direction on how the annual FEP will be developed. The SADW Fund 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 statute. The Draft FY 2023-24 FEP is informed by an annual statewide drinking water needs assessment, which was released in May 2023, and developed in consultation with stakeholders. The FEP discusses FY 2023-24 funding targets, funding prioritization by solution type, distribution of prior FY 2022-23 funds, metrics and performance, funding process, financing and programmatic requirements, and schedule. Expenditures from the FY 2023-24 SADW Fund allocation must be consistent with the FY 2023-24 FEP.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft FY 2023-24 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

You may also request a copy of the Draft FY 2023-24 FEP by contacting Mr. Harish Bagha at (916) 341-5716 or Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov.

After reviewing public comments, an updated version of the Draft FY 2023-24 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.

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.

WEBCAST INFORMATION

Live video and audio broadcasts of the Board Workshop and Board Meeting, for attendees solely interested in watching and not participating in the Board Workshop or the Meeting, will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at the CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>).

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed Draft FY 2023-24 FEP. To submit written comments, please use the subject line "**Comment Letter – Draft FY 2023-24 FEP**".

Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on August 30, 2023** and should be submitted to the attention of:

Courtney Tyler, 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. 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. Tyler at (916) 341-5611.

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

FUTURE NOTICES

Any change in the workshop 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
- (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 AND ACCESSIBILITY

To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by contacting Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265 or OPP-LanguageServices@Waterboards.ca.gov.

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

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board Web site:
<https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Date July 31, 2023

Courtney Tyler
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Clerk to the Board