
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, BOARD WORKSHOP AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FY 2021-22 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 public written comments on the Draft FY 2021-22 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Plan). Public written comments must be submitted no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, August 27, 2021**. Public 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 2021-22 Plan on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021**. 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 18, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Remote Participation Only

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adopting the Draft FY 2021-22 Plan on **Tuesday, October 19, 2021** at the State Water Board Meeting. The anticipated date, time, and location of the Board Meeting are provided below.

State Water Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
Remote Participation Only

BACKGROUND

The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (the Fund) was established through Senate Bill 200 (SB200) in July 2019. The 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 or communities.

The State Water Board adopted the [Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan](#) (Policy) for the Fund. The Policy establishes and documents the State Water Board's direction on how the annual Fund Expenditure Plan (the Plan) will be developed. The Policy identifies and defines key terms and metrics; describes how proposed remedies will be identified, evaluated, prioritized, and included in the Plan; 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 Plan, 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 2021-22 Plan is informed by an annual statewide [drinking water needs assessment](#), which was first published in April 2021, and developed in consultation with stakeholders. The Fund Expenditure Plan 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 (e.g., community engagement and workforce development); financing and programmatic requirements; goals, and metrics.

Expenditures from the Fund on or after July 1, 2021 must be consistent with the FY 2021-22 Plan.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft FY 2021-22 Plan is available for review on the State Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/

You may also request a copy of the Draft FY 2021-22 Plan 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 2021-22 Plan will be posted for public comment prior to the Board Meeting. This will occur as part of the regular State Water Board Meeting Agenda process, at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the Draft FY 2021-22 Plan. To submit written comments, please use the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Draft FY 2021-22 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund**". Written comments must be received by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, August 27, 2021** 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. 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 or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted 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

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 goto: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California RelayService at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the hearing will be available via internet and can be accessed at

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

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 Plan will be provided via the State Water Board's email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Plan must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list.

The subscription form is located at:

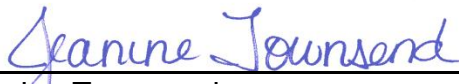
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html.

To subscribe, select the "General Interests" category, then check the box for "Board Meetings", and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

August 6, 2021
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board