
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

**Monday, January 13, 2020
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Central Valley Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first meeting of the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Advisory Group (Advisory Group) will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020.

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

Spanish language interpretation will be available at the meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Fund) was created in 2019 to fund projects to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water (see Health and Safety Code section 116766). The Fund is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (Board), which is required to develop and adopt a Fund Expenditure Plan each year and consult with the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Advisory Group (Advisory Group) to aid in meeting the purposes of the Fund Expenditure Plan.

The State Water Board's ongoing effort to bring economically vulnerable communities safe and affordable drinking water will now be called the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water program to accurately reflect the mandate and comprehensive approach to making water a human right in California. The SAFER Drinking Water program combines existing State Water Board funding streams with the new funds and authorities for the Board under Senate Bill 200. Therefore, the advisory group will be referred to as the SAFER Drinking Water Advisory Group going forward.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Advisory Group is a consultative body that advises the Board on the development of the Fund Expenditure Plan, and other key analyses and policies as needed. The Advisory Group is not authorized to approve any of these documents or make policy decisions respecting them. It is the role and sole prerogative of the Board to approve and adopt the Fund Expenditure Plan each year.

Board Resolution No. 2019-0060 authorizes the Executive Director of the Board, or her designee, to perform all acts necessary or convenient to form the Group, including, but not limited to, the appointment of Advisory Group Members. Current Advisory Group Members were appointed on December 11, 2019.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All Advisory Group meetings are open to the public. The Board encourages all interested parties to attend and participate in Advisory Group meetings. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on agenda items. Visit the Board's Human Right to Water Portal (waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/hr2w/) for more information on the Advisory Group and Fund.

AGENDA

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only; the Advisory Group may consider these items out of their listed order.

1. Discussion Items:

- Needs Assessment
The Board is currently performing a Needs Analysis regarding the state of drinking water in California. The analysis must be completed by June 2021.
- Draft Fund Expenditure Policy
The Board must adopt a Fund Expenditure Policy for its development of a Fund Expenditure Plan. Board staff have developed a draft Fund Expenditure Policy for review.

2. Informational Items:

- Advisory Group Charter
The Advisory Group Charter was created by the Executive Director of the Board, or her designee, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 2019-0060.
- Administrator Handbook
The Board released its first version of an Administrator Policy Handbook to provide direction to Board staff and persons and entities considering becoming, or appointed as, administrators of designated water systems. The handbook is available on the Board's website (waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2019/sept/091719_6_cs1_cleanversion.pdf).
- Data Tracking and Transparency
Board Staff will present preliminary work on program tracking and data sharing.

3. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Direct questions regarding this notice to Jessica Bean at jessica.bean@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5849.

January 3, 2020
Date



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