Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency
This meeting will occur via remote presence only as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing.

Notice of Public Meetings
SAFER Program: Tribal Drinking Water Workshops

Central California
June 8, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Remote Participation Only

Northern California
June 17, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Remote Participation Only

Southern California
June 22, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
[bit.ly/SAFERSoCal](bit.ly/SAFERSoCal)
Remote Participation Only

PURPOSE
The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a workshop to learn about the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) drinking water program and the opportunities available to California Native American Tribes. The agenda and purpose of these workshops are to:
1. Provide information on the SAFER drinking water program, including the
draft Fund Expenditure Plan and funding opportunities available to
California Native American Tribes;

2. Discuss the opportunity of including Tribal drinking water data in statewide
water system needs assessments.

The workshops will be co-hosted by the Department of Water Resources and will
present the same agenda and information on three separate dates, based on
geographic regions of California. Participation is open to everyone and is not
dependent upon living or working in a particular geographic region. Prior event
registration is not required.

MEETING LOGISTICS: If you wish to participate in the meeting join by web or phone:

June 8, Central California
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Zoom: bit.ly/SAFERCenCal
Telephone: +16699009128,, Meeting ID: 939 4571 6911

June 17, Northern California
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Zoom: bit.ly/SAFERNorcal
Telephone: +16699009128,, Meeting ID: 924 7984 3220

June 22, Southern California
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Zoom: bit.ly/SAFERSoCal
Telephone: +16699009128,, Meeting ID: 958 1007 1223

LANGUAGE SERVICES
To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your
request at least 10 business days before the meeting by contacting Amanda Ford
at (510) 206-4424 or SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov.

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.

MEETING MATERIALS
Meeting materials and details on remote participation are available at
www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer. Meeting materials and details will be emailed
to registered participants before the meeting.
BACKGROUND
This meeting is part of the State Water Board’s Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program. The SAFER program was designed to ensure Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible. The SAFER program is helping water systems achieve this goal through a set of tools, funding sources, regulatory authorities, and community outreach and education.

Tribal water systems are regulated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Though the Water Boards do not oversee tribal water systems, the Water Boards are committed to working with California Native American Tribes to maximize the likelihood that the Tribes can benefit from the SAFER program.

To learn more about the SAFER program, visit: waterboards.ca.gov/safer

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Direct questions regarding this notice to safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

April 19, 2021