



State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Public Workshop

SAFER Drinking Water Program Report on Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry

These public workshops will be held via Zoom accessible through the links below.

Language interpretation services are available upon advanced request.

<p style="text-align: center;">November 8, 2022 9:00am https://bit.ly/SAFER-POUWS-Nov8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November 9, 2022 5:00pm https://bit.ly/SAFER-POUWS-Nov9</p>
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PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a public workshop to learn about the SAFER Drinking Water Program Report on Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry Treatment (Report). **The same information will be presented at each public workshop.**

The State Water Board has conducted extensive research and stakeholder engagement to develop the Report on the installation of Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry systems in rural homes as a drinking water solution. The Report provides recommendations and actions that address challenges regarding successful implementation of Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry treatment as drinking water solutions and proposes specific pilot studies needed to close knowledge gaps.

Each workshop will include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments on the Report. Questions and comments on the Report can be submitted through **Tuesday, November 30, 2022**, through the public comment process outlined below.

BACKGROUND

Many communities in California lack access to safe and affordable drinking water. Often the only viable, long-term drinking water solution is to connect the community without safe water to a neighboring larger community or city’s system, a process called “consolidation.” In some rural areas of California, consolidation is not always possible if the closest public water system with safe water is too far away. To address drinking water contamination when consolidation is not an option, small public water systems

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may try to identify an uncontaminated source of drinking water or install a centralized treatment system.

For some systems, locating a new, uncontaminated source of drinking water may not be possible and small water systems or domestic wells residences may lack the financial resources needed for centralized treatment. In these cases, small systems and domestic well residences would benefit from Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry treatment. Point-of-Use is a treatment device applied to a single tap in a home to reduce contaminant levels in drinking water at the treated tap. Point-of-Entry is a treatment device applied to the drinking water entering a house or building to reduce contaminant levels in the drinking water distributed throughout the house or building. Neither option treats water used outside the home. Because Point-of-Use /Point-of-Entry treatment devices require less infrastructure and treat a smaller volume of water, the cost to install and maintain these systems is often less than a centralized treatment system. However, lack of equity, trust, outreach, and education, along with the lack of access to uniform treatment technology and installation, affect the implementation of Point-of-Use /Point-of-Entry treatment as a drinking water solution for small systems and domestic wells.

MEETING LOGISTICS

If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom or phone:

Tuesday, November 8 at 9:00am

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/SAFER-POUWS-Nov8>

Phone: +1-669-900-9128 Workshop ID: 993 4055 4346

Wednesday, November 9 at 5:00pm

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/SAFER-POUWS-Nov9>

Phone: +1-669-900-9128 Workshop ID: 993 4055 4346

LANGUAGE SERVICES

To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 3 business days before the meeting by contacting Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265 or OPP-LanguageServices@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

An Executive Summary of the Report is available for public review at:

English: <https://bit.ly/ENG-POU-POE-ExecSummary>

Spanish: <https://bit.ly/ESP-POU-POE-ResumenEjecutivo>

For questions and details on remote participation email SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov or call 916-445-5615.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments can be submitted by mail or email in any language by
Tuesday, November 30, 2022:

Mail: Chad Fischer
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water
265 West Bullard Avenue, Ste 101, Fresno, CA 93704

Email: WB-DDW-SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov

Date October 31, 2022

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