



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2023-24 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2023 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) WITH SUPPLEMENTAL IUP AND GUIDELINES FOR COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING FROM THE BUDGET ACTS OF 2021, 2022, AND 2023 AND PROPOSITIONS 1 AND 68

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adoption of the CWSRF IUP no earlier than the Wednesday, September 6, 2023 meeting. Additional details regarding the meeting are noted below.

Wednesday, September 6, 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)

The CWSRF IUP was originally scheduled for adoption at the July 18, 2023 meeting, but was delayed to allow the State Water Board staff time to analyze additional scoring scenarios in response to stakeholder comments received on the <u>draft CWSRF IUP</u> <u>published for public comment on May 19, 2023</u>. These additional scoring scenarios have been discussed with stakeholders and evaluated by Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff. Any changes to the draft CWSRF IUP because of these additional analyses and discussions will be reflected in a Change Sheet accessible from the State Water Board's normally posted agenda and/or through a separate distribution as described below under "Future Notices."

Video and Teleconference Option: This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and 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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/</u> or <u>https://video.calepa.ca.gov/</u> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- 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/

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BACKGROUND

The draft CWSRF IUP with Supplemental IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the CWSRF and its complementary funding for SFY 2023-24. The CWSRF IUPs specifically identify the available funding, the types of projects eligible for financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the programs' performance.

The CWSRF program provides low-cost financing statewide for wastewater treatment and recycling, non-point source, estuary, storm water, and combined sewer system projects. The Small Community Wastewater (SCWW) Program funding complements the CWSRF program, providing grants through various sources to small disadvantaged communities (DACs) and small severely disadvantaged communities (SDACs) for wastewater projects.

The draft CWSRF IUPs also includes an Emerging Contaminant Supplemental IUP for Emerging Contaminant funds appropriated through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The Emerging Contaminants Supplemental IUP is also an appendix to the DWSRF IUP which was adopted at the July 18, 2023, Board Meeting.

The CWSRF IUP is required by federal statutes and regulations and will be included in the applications submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the FFY 2023 Capitalization Grants. The CWSRF IUP also serves as guidelines for SCWW Funding, and includes funding provided by the Budget Acts of 2021, 2022, and 2023 (including appropriations for wastewater, water recycling, and PFAS projects); Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014; and Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for all Act of 2018.

The Draft CWSRF IUP was first released on May 19, 2023. On June 20, 2023, the State Water Board held a public workshop to receive oral comments on the draft IUP. Written comments were due on June 23, 2023. Several comments requested State Water Board staff to investigate alternative scoring scenarios. A stakeholder meeting was held on July 27, 2023, to discuss alternative scoring scenarios. DFA staff will take into consideration all comments and discussions regarding the draft CWSRF IUPs while preparing the final draft for the State Water Board's consideration.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

State Water Board staff is currently revising the draft CWSRF IUP, previously posted for public comments on the State Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/

The State Water Board will post a Change Sheet, accessible on the Board's normally posted agenda and/or through a separate distribution using the method described below under "Future Notices," with a detailed list of changes prior to the adoption meeting.

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

If the Board adopts the CWSRF IUP and Supplemental IUP, the adopted IUPs will be submitted to the USEPA as part of the Board's applications for FFY 2023 Capitalization Grants.

WEBCAST INFORMATION

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

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board accepted both written and oral comments on the proposed SFY 2023-24 (FFY 2023) CWSRF IUP from May 19, 2023 until June 23, 2023. Comments regarding any subsequent changes may be made per the "Important Information" section of the State Water Board's normally posted agenda.

At the Board 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

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed CWSRF IUPs including any changes to the content or format, or the location, date, or time of the public meeting, should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list as follows:

- (1) Access the State Water Board email subscription web page <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html</u>
- (2) Click the "Financial Assistance (Grants & Loans)" tab
- (3) Check the box for "Clean Water State Revolving Fund"
- (4) Fill in the required signup details, and
- (5) Press the "Subscribe" button

ACCESSIBILITY

The meeting will be offered in English. To request other language interpretation or other accommodation, please submit your request at least 7 business days before the Board Meeting (by August 30, 2023) by contacting Brandon Roosenboom at Brandon.Roosenboom@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have limitations hearing or speaking, you may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (teletypewriter) or (800) 735-2922 (voice).

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: http://www.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 questions about this notice to Ms. Catarina Hinojos at <u>Catarina.Hinojos@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or <u>CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

August 1, 2023

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