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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND BOARD WORKSHOP FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comments on the draft Policy for Implementing the DWSRF (DWSRF Policy) Program.

Public written comments must be submitted no later than **12:00 noon on November 22, 2024**. 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 hold a Board Workshop to provide an overview of the draft DWSRF Policy and receive public input regarding the draft Policy, no earlier than:

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**  
**Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor**  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento

**And via Video and Teleconference (For public commenters)**

**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 <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/#/> (closed captioning available) and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.
- For members of the public who wish to comment on this item, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution will be available at least 10 days before the meeting at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/)
- A quorum of the State Water Board will attend the Board workshop; however, no State Water Board action will be taken during the Board workshop.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Any person desiring to receive future notices about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meetings should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list, as described below under “Future Notices”.

## **BACKGROUND**

The DWSRF Policy was written to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act’s DWSRF Program in California. The DWSRF Policy sets forth the requirements to obtain DWSRF and complementary financing.

The DWSRF Policy was last amended on December 3, 2019. Since then, demand on the DWSRF Program has greatly increased, and new priority scoring criteria are being proposed by the Division of Financial Assistance to better manage the increased demand. Additional changes are also being proposed to better manage the credit evaluation process and to improve consistency between the DWSRF and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Policies.

## **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

A summary of proposed amendments is available for review on the State Water Board’s website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/SRF.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html). The following documents are proposed to be amended and will be available on the same website once publicly released:

- Draft DWSRF Policy Amendment
- Appendix E Financial Review Guidelines
- Appendix L Disbursement Request Instructions
- Appendix R Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Program Application Package
- Appendix S Median Household Income Guidelines

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

To ensure a productive and efficient Board Workshop and Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/board\\_presentations.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.html)

## **WEBCAST INFORMATION**

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

## **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed Draft DWSRF Policy Amendment. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis.

Please use the subject line “**Comment Letter – November 5, 2024 Board Workshop – DWSRF Policy Amendment**” Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on November 22, 2024** and should be addressed to:

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto: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 Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5611.

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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/#provide_comments)

## **FUTURE NOTICES**

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the DWSRF Policy and other information related to the DWSRF Program, including any changes to the format, location, date or time of the public workshop, should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list as follows:

- (1) Access the State Water Board email subscription web page  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html)
- (2) Click the “Financial Assistance (Grants & Loans)” tab
- (3) Check the box for “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund”
- (4) Fill in the required signup details, and
- (5) Press the “Subscribe” button

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

The meetings 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 Workshop and Board Meeting by contacting [OPP-LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:OPP-LanguageServices@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**

Additional information about the Workshop can be found at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/SRF.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html)

For questions regarding the Workshop, please contact Mr. Marques Tamanaha at [Marques.Tamanaha@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Marques.Tamanaha@waterboards.ca.gov) or Mr. Melky Calderon at [Melky.Calderon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Melky.Calderon@waterboards.ca.gov).

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Stephanie White at [Stephanie.White@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.White@waterboards.ca.gov) or [DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov).

October 4, 2024

Date



Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board