
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Public Workshop Urban Stormwater Capture and Use

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on November 18, 2025, to present information about urban stormwater capture and use. Staff and invited technical experts will provide an overview of current urban stormwater capture and use efforts in California, receive input and questions from Board members, and solicit input and questions from the public on potential program directions or implementation challenges. Additional information about this workshop is provided below.

Participation Options

- Attend or participate in person:
 - **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. – Cal EPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento
- Attend or participate remotely:
 - Watch the meeting online through the CalEPA webcast using the following link: video.calepa.ca.gov.
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Building and Parking Information

- Directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.
- 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 on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

Background

Rain that falls on impervious surfaces, like roads and roofs, usually runs off into nearby surface water bodies, like rivers and streams. As rain collects and runs along the ground surface, it can pick up pollutants. Capturing and using urban stormwater can improve surface water quality by preventing pollutants from reaching surface water bodies and provide an important source of water for everyday activities, such as irrigation. This can reduce reliance on imported water and groundwater pumping. However, California has not historically prioritized stormwater capture and use. Barriers to implementation include financing challenges, a lack of statewide treatment and use guidance, limited incentives or mandates for urban stormwater use, and a fragmented regulatory landscape that creates a high entry barrier for municipalities, especially those attempting projects for the first time.

The State Water Board's Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) Unit supports policies and projects that treat urban stormwater as a valuable resource. The STORMS Unit will host a public workshop to present ongoing urban stormwater capture and use initiatives and discuss ways to reduce impediments to broader implementation, and to gather input that will inform upcoming work planning.

This workshop also marks the start of a planning period in which the STORMS Unit will evaluate and scope potential new projects. Input from Board members, interested parties, and the public, together with the examples presented at the workshop, will help identify gaps, refine priorities, and shape potential future STORMS efforts.

The workshop will explore how communities across California are capturing and reusing stormwater, with a focus on examples that demonstrate practical solutions to regulatory and funding barriers, including innovative approaches to public lands irrigation, school-based projects, and integrated reuse systems. The workshop will also open a broader conversation on how stormwater credit systems, state funding opportunities, and local experience can shape a statewide path forward. Interested parties and community members are invited to share input on how the State Water Board can best support safe, equitable, and effective stormwater capture and use in the years ahead.

Agenda

The workshop will include:

- *Overview of Urban Stormwater Capture: the Future of STORMS*
Introduce the STORMS Unit, highlight ongoing projects, and outline the proposed strategic shift to align with California's Water Supply Strategy.
- *Local and Regional Implementation: Overcoming Barriers Through Practice*
Spotlight urban stormwater capture and use efforts across the state, featuring case studies such as public lands irrigation, school-based projects, and integrated reuse systems. Presenters will share lessons learned about overcoming regulatory, funding, and technical challenges.
- *Overcoming Funding Barriers: Markets, Grants, and Beyond*
Explore a range of funding approaches, beginning with stormwater credit systems and other market-based tools, followed by the Division of Financial Assistance presenting current and emerging state funding opportunities, including grants and loans.

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October 30, 2025

Date



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