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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS SECOND STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL EXPERT PANEL FOR THE IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

Staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold two Panel working group meetings for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) on Monday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 27, 2026, to facilitate Panel considerations to public comments received in response to the Draft Panel Report, which provides Panel recommendations on issues relevant to the [Panel charge questions](#). The Panel charge questions ask the Panel to consider the approaches in State Water Board [Order WQ 2018-0002](#), In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group (Eastern San Joaquin Water Quality Order) and State Water Board [Order WQ 2023-0081](#), In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040 (Central Coast Ag Water Quality Order).

A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but no decisions will be made.

The meeting will be held in person and virtually on:

**Monday May 18, 2026  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Training Room 2  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento  
And via Video and Teleconference**

and

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Training Room 1  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento  
And via Video and Teleconference**



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Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.  
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## Building and Parking Information

- The meeting will be held at the Joe Serna Jr. (CalEPA) Building. Directions to the 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

Water quality impacts associated with agriculture are complex and addressing them requires pooling and focusing the knowledge, expertise, and resources of all interested parties, including growers and their representatives, regulatory agencies, environmental advocates, environmental justice communities, and Tribes and Tribal communities. The State Water Board and the regional water quality control boards (collectively, Water Boards) must develop and implement a long-term sustainable Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) that protects the quality of waters of the state while supporting the viability of agriculture. With the help of our partners, the Water Boards made substantial progress in defining a science-based approach that provides a solid foundation for next steps.

As described on the Expert Panel website, the Water Boards convened a Panel to evaluate the data collected as part of the ILRP and consider the approaches adopted in the Eastern San Joaquin Petition Order and the Central Coast Ag Petition Order. State Water Board contracted with Sacramento State University College of Continuing Education to convene the Panel to provide recommendations for the ILRP. Several meetings have been conducted in support of the Panel process including:

- The first Plenary Panel meeting included a two-day kick-off meeting and was held in August 2025. The two-day meeting provided the Panel with an ILRP overview, perspectives from agricultural representatives and non-governmental organizations, presentations on Indigenous land stewardship and food systems, and available data sources from the Water Boards, approved third-party agricultural representatives, and environmental justice organizations.
- Public Listening Sessions were held on October 1, and December 7, 2025, to gather input from the public and all interested parties that were shared with the Panel members for their consideration of the Panel charge questions.
- The second Plenary Panel meeting was held on October 31, 2025, to receive presentations for the Panel's consideration, and for the Panel to discuss initial recommendations in response to the Panel charge questions.
- Twelve Panel working group sessions were held on October 13, October 22, November 14, November 19, December 5, and December 12, 2025, and January 7, January 14, January 21, January 29, February 11, and March 11, 2026, to support Panel deliberations on the Panel charge questions.
- The [Draft Panel Report](#) was released for public comment on March 30th, and a public workshop was held on April 10th to receive oral comments on the Panel's draft recommendations. Written comments were due on April 30th. All written and oral comments to the Draft Panel Report will be provided to the Panel for consideration but a formal response to comments will not be developed.

A Final Plenary Panel meeting will be held in June 2026. It is anticipated that the Panel will present their recommendations to the Panel charge questions and finalize the Panel Report. The Panel Chair will present the recommendations and Final Report to the State Water Board in June 2026.

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**Additional Information**

Please direct all questions regarding this notice to Water Board ILRP at [DWQ-ILRP@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWQ-ILRP@waterboards.ca.gov). For additional information check the [Expert Panel website](#).

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Date

April 29, 2026

  
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Clerk to the Board