

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP CONCERNING THE DRINKING WATER SOLUTIONS PROGRAM IN THE PROPOSED ORDER R3-2021-0040-A1

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) staff will hold a workshop with certain members of the Agricultural and Environmental Justice communities to discuss the Drinking Water Solutions program in the Proposed Order R3-2021-0040-A1, as amended by State Water Board Order WQ 2023-0081¹ (Proposed Order R3-2021-0040-A1). The intent of the workshop is to discuss specific topics, evaluate potential areas of common ground, and identify options that staff should investigate further. All interested persons are invited to observe the workshop. Public comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes each at the end of the workshop and should be related to specific items discussed at the workshop.

The workshop will be held in-person, **on August 26, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at the following location:

Central Coast Water Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

There will be no options for remote viewing and/or participation.

More information regarding the meeting can be found in the [Public Notice](#).

Time	Item Details
10:00 – 10:30 (30 minutes)	Welcome & Introductions - Meeting goals and structure - Ground rules - Public comment instructions
10:30 -11:30 (60 minutes)	Topic #1: Water quality outcomes and incentives for alternative water supply program (AWSP) participation - Water Board staff introduce and frame the topic (10 minutes) - Table Discussion (35 minutes) Question: What regulatory relief (incentives) is appropriate in exchange for meaningful participation in the AWSP, while considering the need for

¹ Order WQ 2023-0081:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/docs/2023/wqo2023-0081.pdf

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	measurable progress toward groundwater protection? Some possible areas to provide incentives are: 1. Final receiving groundwater limit compliance deadline (e.g., 2041, 2051, 2061, etc.) 2. Interim discharge (A-R) target values and interim discharge target schedule 3. Flexibility around monitoring and/or reporting and/or administrative milestones 4. Delegation of AWSP implementation obligations (i.e., State Water Board administered program) 5. Performance-contingent regulatory relief (i.e., achievement of AWSP performance milestones results in timeline extensions or discharge target relaxations) • Table Discussion: Discussion Synthesis & Action Items (15 minutes) • What principles can all agree to? • What options should staff investigate? • What issues remain unresolved?
11:30 -12:30 (60 minutes)	Break/Lunch
12:30 -1:30 (60 minutes)	Topic #2: Interim alternative water supplies • Water Board staff introduce and frame the topic (10 minutes) • Table Discussion (35 minutes) Question: What should be the scope of the discharger funded program implementing interim alternative water supplies, and on what timeline? How do we measure and demonstrate successful implementation? Potential focused questions: 1. Confirm that all agree – eligible domestic wells should be included from the onset of this program. 2. How will eligible state small water systems and public water systems be included? 3. How quickly should interim alternative water supplies be offered and to whom (e.g., domestic wells now, other systems phased in)? 4. How should we identify the initial universe of affected residents and costs, what alternatives exist to the Need and Cost Assessment, how often should estimates be updated, and what metrics will show the AWSP is reaching the intended population? • Table Discussion: Discussion Synthesis & Action Items (15 minutes) • What principles can all agree to? • What options should staff investigate?

	• What issues remain unresolved?
1:30 - 2:30 (60 minutes)	Topic #3: Long-term drinking water solutions • Water Board staff introduce and frame the topic (10 minutes) • Table Discussion (35 minutes) Question: What should be the scope of the discharger funded program for planning, funding, and implementing long-term solutions, and on what timeline? How do we measure and demonstrate successful implementation? 1. What is the appropriate scope for planning and provision of long-term solutions? 2. If the State Water Board were able to administer planning and implementation of long-term solutions, how could this be structured to incentivize participation by dischargers while also ensuring adequate provision of long-term solutions? 3. When should planning and implementation of long-term solutions begin and be completed? What are appropriate interim milestones? • Table Discussion: Discussion Synthesis & Action Items (15 minutes) • What principles can all agree to? • What options should staff investigate? • What issues remain unresolved?
2:30 – 2:45 (15 minutes)	Public Comments
2:45 - 3:00 (15 minutes)	Conclusion: Summary of Outcomes & Follow-Up Actions • Identify areas of agreement and those that are unresolved • Summarize staff action items • Next steps
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