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## State Water Resources Control Board

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### Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

These meetings will occur via remote presence only as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP: HOW TO APPLY FOR THE SAFER ADVISORY GROUP

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Boards will host a public workshop: How to Apply for the SAFER Advisory Group on **August 27, 2020** from **5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**. Virtual office hours will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for members of the public who are not able to attend the workshop and participants with additional questions related to the SAFER Advisory Group Application. The goal of these meetings is to provide members of the public with information on the SAFER Program and how to apply to become a SAFER Advisory Group Member.

### Workshop: How to Apply for the SAFER Advisory Group

**August 27, 2020**  
**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Office Hours**  
**6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

### Remote Participation Only

**If you wish to attend the workshop please register here:**

[https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vcOmsrj8oEtRMSURcQoCth2nTZ2m1\\_Q9y](https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vcOmsrj8oEtRMSURcQoCth2nTZ2m1_Q9y).

**If you wish to watch the meeting:** Webcast will be available at [video.calepa.ca.gov/](http://video.calepa.ca.gov/) and should be used unless you intend to comment. A recording of the workshop will be available after the workshop at the link listed in the meeting materials section of this notice ([below](#)).

**If you wish to comment or ask questions:** Information about participating telephonically or via the remote workshop platform is available in the public comment section of this notice ([below](#)).

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## **AGENDA**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
5:30 p.m.	Welcome and Workshop Logistics
5:35 p.m.	Introductions
5:40 p.m.	SAFER Overview and Q&A
5:55 p.m.	SAFER Advisory Group Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory Group Overview</li><li>• Application Overview and Walkthrough</li></ul>
6:30 p.m.	Open Q&A
7:20 p.m.	Closing Remarks
7:30 p.m.	Adjourn

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/advisory\\_group](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/advisory_group).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This workshop is open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on and ask questions about agenda items via videoconference or telephonically. To comment or ask a question, please complete the following:

- Send an email to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov).
- In the subject line, indicate “**AGM Application Workshop Question**”.
- In the body of the email, include the following:
  - Your name
  - Who you represent (i.e., self, another person, an organization)
  - Topic of your question.

The Meeting Coordinator will respond to your email with instructions.

## **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

Spanish language interpretation will be available at the meeting. If you require Spanish-language interpretation please RSVP to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov).

If you require interpretation for a language other than Spanish or if you require sign language services, please email a request ASAP to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov).

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

**BACKGROUND**

The SAFER (Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience) program is a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as quickly as possible. SAFER funds, including the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Fund), will help water systems provide safe, accessible, and affordable supplies of drinking water to communities in both the short and long terms.

The Fund was created in 2019 to fund projects to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water (see Health and Safety Code section 116766). The Fund is administered by the State Water Board, which is required to develop and adopt a Fund Expenditure Plan each year and consult with the Advisory Group to aid in meeting the purposes of the Fund Expenditure Plan.


The Advisory Group is a consultative body that advises the Board on development of the Fund Expenditure Plan, and other key analyses and policies as needed. The Advisory Group is not authorized to approve any of these documents or make policy decisions respecting them. It is the role and sole prerogative of the Board to approve and adopt the Fund Expenditure Plan each year.

State Water Board Resolution No. 2019-0060 authorizes the Executive Director of the Board, or her designee, to perform all acts necessary or convenient to form the Advisory Group, including, but not limited to, the appointment of Advisory Group Members. For more information, please visit [www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Direct questions regarding this notice to the Office of Public Participation at [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov).

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August 21, 2020  
Date

  
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