
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINARS

Cost Estimate: Overview of Approach and Update

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to receive input from interested persons concerning the development of a cost assessment model for systems in violation and at-risk systems. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

Friday, August 28, 2020

Cost Assessment: Overview of Approach and Update

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT

[Registration Link](#)

Remote Participation Only

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is implementing the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program with a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that the approximately one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as soon as possible.

The SAFER Program is responsible for conducting an annual Needs Assessment, which consists of three components: (1) Affordability Assessment; (2) Risk Assessment; (3) Cost Assessment. Results of the Needs Assessment are used to inform the prioritization of projects in the annual Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

The State Water Board's Needs Analysis Unit in the Division of Drinking Water is leading the implementation of the Needs Assessment in coordination with the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA). The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) was contracted (agreement term: 09.01.2019 through 03.31.2021) to support the initial development of Needs Assessment methodologies for the Risk Assessment and Cost Assessment.

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WEBINAR: COST ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

The focus of this webinar is to seek public feedback on the cost estimate methodology being developed by the State Water Board, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and Corona Environmental Consulting, LLC (Corona).

Cost Assessment: Determining the costs related to the implementation of interim and/or emergency measures and long-term solutions for systems in violation and at-risk systems. Solutions may include, but are not limited to, water partnerships, physical and managerial consolidations, administrators, treatment facility additions or upgrades, distribution system repairs or replacement, and/or point of use/point of entry treatment. The cost assessment also includes the identification of available funding sources and the funding gaps that may exist to support interim and long-term solutions.

The State Water Board is seeking feedback on considerations for identifying **long-term potential solutions** to solve drinking water problems, and costs and benefits of those options.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Related documents and information are available on the State Water Board [SAFER website](#).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. The presentation slides will be sent out ahead of time and shared via webcast. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please register for the webinar using the Eventbrite link: <https://safer-webinar-cost-assessment.eventbrite.com>. Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided through the Eventbrite links.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices, including any changes to this notice of public webinars, must sign up for the e-mail distribution list using the [subscription form](#) select the box for 'SAFER Drinking Water' (located within the section entitled 'General Interests'), and provide the required information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov

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Date


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