



State Water Resources Control Board

STAFF WORKSHOPS GETTING READY FOR RECHARGE TEMPORARY PERMITS AND FLOOD DIVERSIONS

The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board or Board) Division of Water Rights will host two virtual public workshops to share information and answer questions about temporary water-right permits for groundwater recharge and the rules regarding flood recharge diversions. The workshops are meant for anyone who intends to divert surface water for groundwater recharge this winter. Scientists are observing intensified El Niño conditions in the equatorial Pacific, which could lead to increased winter precipitation with high-water storms in California.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Workshops will be held remotely via Zoom, attendees must register using the links below.

Workshop 1:

Getting Ready to Recharge with a Permit

Monday, October 19, 2026 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (1 hour)

Registration link:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/gdLsMP-9S8-GBY2rr_sH2w

Workshop 2:

Capturing Floodflows Without a Permit

Monday, October 26, 2026 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (1 hour)

Registration link:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/L7PqPju_SVqi_b2PqVECPw

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Please use the registration links above to register for each workshop separately. You do not need to create a Zoom account to do this. After you register, you will receive an email with instructions on how to join the workshop.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS AND RECORDING

Workshop recordings will be posted on the Board's website shortly after each workshop.

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS

Developing El Niño conditions are increasing the possibility of above-normal precipitation this winter. If high flows arrive, groundwater recharge projects can help put that water underground for future beneficial use. The opportunity may come quickly, but permitting may not. These workshops will focus on the key things to know if your agency or organization is considering a groundwater recharge project, including how to divert water using a permit or what floodflow diversions are allowed by Water Code section 1242.1.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Water Rights for Groundwater Recharge](#)
- [Groundwater Recharge Permitting - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Water Rights Fees](#)
- [Flood Recharge Diversions \(Water Code §1242.1\)](#)
- [Email Subscriptions | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding the workshops, please contact staff via email at FloodDiversion@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 323-5177.