



Water Quality Fees Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 9:00 – 11:00 am

Webcast and Zoom Meeting Only

NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Live Webcast: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov>

Fee Branch Email: FeeBranch@waterboards.ca.gov

FEES AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF) Budget Cost Drivers (Attachment 1)
 - a. [Border Water Quality Protection Unit](#)
 - b. [California Environmental Protection Agency \(CalEPA\) Bond and Technical Adjustments](#)
 - c. [Landfill Support, Response and Enforcement](#)
 - d. [Permitting Impacts of Recent Supreme Court Decisions \(Sackett\)](#)
 - e. [Recycled Water Program Needs \(SB 31\)](#)
3. Potential Fee Structure Changes
 - a. Water Quality Certification
 - b. General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permits – Categories 1 and 2
4. Open Discussion
5. Next Steps
 - a. June 12 Stakeholder Meeting

OPEN DISCUSSION

Water Quality Stakeholder-Led Discussion

WDPF Budget Cost Drivers
FY 2026-27
(\$000)

	FY 2025-26 Fee Setting Budget	FY 2026-27 Governor's January Proposed Fee Setting Budget	Net Difference	Percent Change
Waste Discharge Permit Fund				
Budget Allocation	\$196,897	\$194,978	(\$1,919)	-1.0%

FY 2026-27 Budget Cost Drivers	Amounts	Percent Change
State Operations ¹	\$1,587	0.8%
2026-27 Border Water Quality Protection Unit	\$1,015	0.5%
2026-27 CalEPA Consolidated Administration	\$648	0.3%
2026-27 Landfill Support, Response, and Enforcement	\$463	0.2%
2026-27 Permitting Impacts of Recent Supreme Court Decisions	\$2,559	1.3%
2026-27 Recycled Water Program Needs (SB 31)	\$1,008	0.5%
2021-22 Shared Technology Refresh ²	\$7	0.0%
Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions	(\$4,274)	-2.2%
Section 4.12 Vacancy Savings and Position Elimination Adjustment	(\$5,106)	-2.6%
Pro Rata	\$174	0.1%
Totals	(\$1,919)	-1.0%

¹ Control Section Item 9800 Employee Compensation, 3.60 Retirement and Healthcare Cost.

² 2021-22 Shared Technology Refresh BCP received an additional \$7,000.