

# Drinking Water & ELAP Fees Stakeholder Meeting



Friday, March 6, 2026 at 9:00 – 11:00am

Webcast and Zoom Meeting Only

**NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION**

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

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## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Safe Drinking Water Account Budget Cost Drivers (Attachment 1)
  - a. [FY 26-27 Budget Proposal – CalEPA Consolidated Administration](#)
  - b. [FY 26-27 Budget Proposal – Recycled Water Program Needs \(SB 31\)](#)
  - c. [FY 26-27 Budget Proposal – San Diego County Water Recycling Oversight](#)
  - d. [FY 26-27 Budget Proposal – School Lead Reporting \(AB 1096\)](#)
3. Environmental Laboratory Improvement Fund Budget Cost Drivers (Attachment 2)
  - a. [FY 26-27 Budget Proposal – California Environmental Regulatory Data Security Initiative](#)
4. Potential ELAP Full TNI Accreditation Expansion Option
5. Open Discussion
6. Next Steps
  - a. June 11 – Drinking Water & ELAP Stakeholder Meeting

**Safe Drinking Water Account  
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
<b>Safe Drinking Water Account</b>				
Budget Allocation	\$51,186	\$51,631	\$445	0.9%

<b>FY 2026-27 Budget Cost Drivers</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
State Operations <sup>1</sup>	\$873	1.7%
25-26 Technical, Managerial, and Financial Standards (SB 1188)	(\$250)	(0.5%)
26-27 CalEPA Consolidated Administration	\$170	0.3%
26-27 Recycled Water Program Needs (SB 31)	\$492	1.0%
26-27 San Diego County Water Recycling Oversight	\$785	1.5%
26-27 School Lead Reporting (AB 1096)	\$500	1.0%
Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions	(\$2,007)	(3.9%)
Pro Rata	(\$118)	(0.2%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Control Section Item 9800 Employee Compensation, 3.60 Retirement and Healthcare cost.

**Environmental Laboratory Improvement Fund  
Budget Cost Drivers  
FY 2026-27 (\$000)**

	<b>FY 2025-26 Fee Setting Budget</b>	<b>FY 2026-27 Governor's January Proposed Fee Setting Budget</b>	<b>Net Difference</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Environmental Laboratory Improvement Fund</b>				
Budget Allocation	\$4,615	\$5,793	\$1,178	25.5%

<b>FY 2026-27 Budget Cost Drivers</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
State Operations <sup>1</sup>	\$123	2.7%
26-27 California Environmental Regulatory Data Security Initiative	\$1,000	21.7%
Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions	(\$18)	(0.4%)
Pro Rata	\$73	1.6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,178</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Control Section Item 9800 Employee Compensation, 3.60 Retirement and Healthcare cost.