



State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

This meeting 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.

Notice of Public Meetings

SAFER Program: Tribal Drinking Water Workshops

Central California

June 8, 2021

9:00am – 11:00am

bit.ly/SAFERCenCal

Remote Participation Only

Northern California

June 17, 2021

9:00am– 12:00am

bit.ly/SAFERNorcal

Remote Participation Only

Southern California

June 22, 2021

2:00pm – 4:00pm

bit.ly/SAFERSoCal

Remote Participation Only

PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a workshop to learn about the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) drinking water program and the opportunities available to California Native American Tribes. Using short- and long-term strategies, SAFER is designed to ensure Californians who lack safe, adequate, and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible, and that the water systems serving them establish sustainable solutions. The agenda and purpose of these workshops are:

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1. State Water Board and Department of Water Resources staff provide information on the drinking water opportunities available to California Native American Tribes, with a focus on the State Water Board's SAFER drinking water program, including the draft Fund Expenditure Plan and funding opportunities.
2. Participants discuss and ask questions about the programs and funding opportunities
3. Facilitated discussion on the of inclusion of Tribal drinking water data in statewide water system needs assessments.

The workshops will be co-hosted by the Department of Water Resources, which will present the same agenda and information on three separate dates, based on geographic regions of California. Participation is open to everyone and is *not* dependent upon living or working in a particular geographic region. Prior event registration is not required.

MEETING LOGISTICS: If you wish to participate in the meeting join by web or phone:

June 8, Central California

9:00-11:00 am

Zoom: bit.ly/SAFERCenCal

Telephone: +16699009128, Meeting ID: 939 4571 6911

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LANGUAGE SERVICES

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by contacting Amanda Ford at 510-206-4424 or 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.

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting materials and details on remote participation are available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer. Meeting materials and details will be emailed to registered participants before the meeting.

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BACKGROUND

This meeting is part of the State Water Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program. The SAFER program was designed to ensure Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible. The SAFER program is helping water systems achieve this goal through a set of tools, funding sources, regulatory authorities, and community outreach and education.

Tribal water systems are regulated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Though the Water Boards do not oversee tribal water systems, the Water Boards are committed to working with California Native American Tribes to maximize the likelihood that the Tribes can benefit from the SAFER program.

To learn more about the SAFER program, visit: waterboards.ca.gov/safer

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Direct questions regarding this notice to safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date

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