
State Water Resources Control Board

September 2025 State Board Liaison Report- Region 9

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Release of Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Plan and Notice of Public Hearing

On July 24, 2025, the State Water Board released a revised draft Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan). The revised draft updates are focused on the portions of the plan relevant to the Sacramento River watershed, Delta eastside tributaries (including the Calaveras, Cosumnes, and Mokelumne Rivers), and Delta (Sacramento/Delta). The revised draft updates are based on comments on the October 2024 draft Bay-Delta Plan and associated public workshops and working meetings held in late-2024 and early-2025. The Board plans to [hold a multi-day hearing on September 24 & 25](#) to receive additional public comments on the revised draft updates to the Bay-Delta Plan with written public comments due following. Visit the [program webpage](#) for more information.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

On September 17 the state board [will hold a public hearing](#) to consider designating the Kern County Subbasin as a probationary basin under SGMA.

- Visit the [Kern County Subbasin webpage](#) and the Board's general [SGMA webpage](#)
- View the hearing agenda in [English](#); view the hearing agenda in [Spanish](#); view the hearing agenda in [Punjabi](#)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

On August 19, the state board [adopted](#) the draft State Fiscal Year 2025-26 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan with Supplemental Intended Use Plans and Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Acts of 2021 and 2024 and Propositions 1, 68, and 4.

SAFER Advisory Group

On September 18 the SAFER Advisory Group [will hold a meeting](#). A quorum of State Water Resources Control Board members may be present, but no action will be taken. This meeting will occur virtually, and all SAFER Advisory Group members will be joining virtually. There will be a physical and a remote meeting location for the public to participate.

Administrative Hearings Office

Delta Conveyance Project

On June 20 AHO released the [sixth amended hearing notice](#) for the Delta Conveyance Project hearings. The public hearings resumed on September 2 and will continue through September and into October via Zoom. More information can be found on the [project webpage](#).

Sites Project Authority

On September 4 staff [conducted a status conference](#) on the pending petition. The hearing will be held by Zoom teleconference. More details can be found on the Administrative Hearings Office [program webpage](#).

Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and ELAP Fees Stakeholder Process

Staff held the final Drinking Water and ELAP Fees Stakeholder Meeting on August 1 to discuss FY 2025-26 fees. Staff are scheduled to take proposed FY 2025-26 Water Quality and Water Rights fee schedule changes to the State Water Board for consideration at the September 16 board meeting. The second Water Quality Certification Fees Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for November 3 to discuss possible fee schedule changes for FY 2026-27.

Consideration of Underground Storage Tank Regulations Update

On September 3 the state board adopted amendments for full rewrite of the Underground Storage Tank Regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16. The rulemaking will be provided to the Office of Administrative Law for review and become effective on January 1, 2026. The purpose of the amendments is to make regulations consistent with current technology and to implement amendments to Health and Safety Code, including the requirement to permanently close single-walled underground storage tanks.

CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY and IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

The Water Supply Strategy outlines California's strategy and priority actions to adapt and protect water supplies based on new data and accelerated climate change. To ensure California has the new water needed for generations to come, this strategy outlines four sets of actions the State will pursue, sets targets, and identifies specific implementation steps to prepare California for its new climate reality.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Water Rights Modernization (Action 4.3)

Supply & Demand Assessment

The Division of Water Rights continues to develop water supply models, water demand datasets, and water allocation tools for selected watersheds across California. Staff are actively engaging with agencies, partners, water users, and other interested parties to share information on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program and the models and tools that are under development.

In the past month, staff met with the Upper Putah Creek Watermaster (August 7, 2025) regarding the Putah Creek watershed, the Russian River Water Sharing Program (August 7, 2025) regarding the Russian River watershed, the City of Santa Maria and the Santa Maria Water Conservation District (August 6, 2025) regarding the Santa Maria River watershed, Creek Lands Trust (July 17, 2025) regarding the San Luis Obispo Creek and Pismo Creek watershed, the Big Creek watershed, and the Santa Maria River watershed, the Watershed Research & Training Center and the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (July 17, 2025) regarding the Trinity River watershed, and the City of San Luis Obispo (July 10, 2025) regarding the San Luis Obispo Creek and Pismo Creek watershed.

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