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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **September 17, 2025, Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Continuance Agenda**

The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) [noticed](#) and held a public hearing on February 20, 2025, to consider whether to designate the Kern County Subbasin as a probationary basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). As identified in [Resolution No. 2025-0007](#), the State Water Board continued the February 20, 2025 Kern County Subbasin probationary designation hearing to September 17, 2025.

The continued hearing will be included as an item on the September 16-17, 2025, Board meeting agenda. The hearing continuance will occur on the second day of the Board meeting and may start as early as, but not before, 9:00 a.m. The expected order of events for the continued hearing are described below; however, time limits, breaks, panels, and the order of events may change at the discretion of the Board Chair. Board questions and discussions may occur throughout.

#### **Hearing Agenda**

1. Public Comments by elected officials or California Native American Tribes
2. Presentation of State Water Board Staff Recommendations
3. Panel Presentation by Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

#### *Break*

4. Other Panels Specific to the Kern County Subbasin (see “How to Participate” below)
5. General Public Comment (may be interspersed with panels depending on number of panels)
6. Board Discussion and Potential Vote on Probationary Designation

### **How to Participate**

The State Water Board will continue February 20, 2025 public probationary hearing to the time and location noted below. There are also options to participate remotely. If you are participating remotely and would like to make a public comment or are part of a panel presentation, see the instructions below. If you do not wish to speak, the English, Spanish, and Punjabi webcasts of the public hearing with closed captioning can be accessed at [video.calepa.ca.gov](https://video.calepa.ca.gov).

### **Public Board Hearing**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

#### **In-Person Location**

Coastal Hearing Room  
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Language Services:** Spanish and Punjabi interpretation will be provided. For language services other than Spanish or Punjabi, please contact (916) 341-5254 or [languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Accessibility:** Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Any person who requires a reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should email [contact@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:contact@waterboards.ca.gov) or call (916) 341-5254, at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. Learn more about accessibility within Zoom at [www.zoom.com/en/accessibility](https://www.zoom.com/en/accessibility).

**Building and Parking information:** <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

**Public Comments.** Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of the public probationary hearing continuance by contacting the Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management at [SGMA-Kern@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SGMA-Kern@waterboards.ca.gov) **no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 11, 2025. Please use the subject line: “Comments – Kern County Subbasin.”**

Members of the public will also have an opportunity to make oral comments at the probationary hearing continuance. To ensure a productive, efficient, and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will be limited to up to five minutes per speaker unless otherwise directed. If there are a large number of commenters, speakers may be asked to shorten their comments to accommodate all speakers.

**To provide an oral comment remotely or in person:** Before or on the day of the public hearing, fill out our online form at [bit.ly/speaker-card-form](https://bit.ly/speaker-card-form). Please note that the form will

not accept responses until September 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. The Board Clerk will provide you with Zoom login information in advance of the meeting. For more information about participating remotely, please visit [bit.ly/providingcomments](https://bit.ly/providingcomments)

**Panels.** The State Water Board will consider requests by groups that wish to provide a panel presentation, rather than individual public comments. Panel presentations must be relevant to the potential probationary designation or to groundwater management in the Kern County Subbasin. Panel presentations will be limited to up to 20 minutes unless otherwise directed. The purpose of panels is to provide an option for groups or organizations to present information collectively and efficiently, including technical details and shared expertise. See below on how to request a panel at the hearing.

To request a panel: Please complete and submit the Panel Request Form available here: [Panel Request Form](#) as soon as possible, but **no later than August 15, 2025**. Please include the following information:

1. The topic of the proposed panel
2. The primary contact for the panel
3. The name of each presenter
4. The entity or entities being represented
5. Whether the panel intends to use one or more PowerPoint presentations
6. An email address and phone number for each presenter
7. Specification as to whether a presenter intends to participate on the panel virtually or in person
8. The time requested for the panel presentation (panels may request up to 20 minutes in total).

Only one form needs to be submitted for each proposed panel presentation.

Staff will contact the primary contact for the panel to confirm if the proposed panel is approved and the length of time allotted for the panel. Presentation length will be at the discretion of the State Water Board.

Panel slides: If a panel plans to use a PowerPoint presentation, that PowerPoint presentation must be submitted to [sgma@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sgma@waterboards.ca.gov) **no later than August 27, 2025, at 12:00 noon**. This will allow the State Water Board time to translate the presentation to Spanish and Punjabi in advance of the hearing. Presentations must be in PowerPoint format and should not include any animations, transitions, or external media sources. Slides should be fully editable to enable translation, including text in any graphics. If a panel does not submit its proposed PowerPoint presentation by this deadline, it may not be presented during the hearing.

### **Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans**

For reference, the Draft 2025 Amended Kern County Subbasin GSPs can be accessed on the State Water Board's FTP site here: <https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/?u=PCL-FTP&p=8ZHs8m>

- Use the following pathway to access the PDF files:  
2025>June>06202025\_SGMA\_KernGSPs

### Summary of Deadlines and Key Dates

Deadline / Activity	Date
Deadline to request a panel	August 15, 2025
Deadline to submit panel PowerPoint slides	August 27, 2025, at 12:00 noon
Sign up to provide a comment in person or virtually using <a href="https://bit.ly/speaker-card-form">bit.ly/speaker-card-form</a>	Form opens September 10, 2025; can sign up prior to or during the hearing
Deadline to submit written comments	September 11, 2025, at 12:00 noon