
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 WORKSHOP AND BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will have a Board Workshop on the Draft Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Plan) on **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but the State Water Board will take no action. Workshop details are provided below.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 9:30 am
State Water Board Workshop
Remote Participation Only

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adopting the Draft Plan on **Tuesday, July 7, 2020** at the State Water Board Meeting. The anticipated date, time, and location of the Board meeting are provided below.

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 9:30 am
State Water Board Meeting
Joe Serna Jr.–CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you wish to watch the workshop: A webcast will be available at video.calepa.ca.gov/ and should be used UNLESS you intend to provide comments or ask questions orally during the workshop. Click on the video icon under the corresponding date and event. Please note that the link to the webcast will be available a few minutes before the workshop begins. You may submit questions online during the live webcast via email. For questions, please email SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "Fund Expenditure Plan Workshop".

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If you wish to participate and ask questions or make comments orally during the webcast: You must register in advance to participate at <https://swrcb.eventbrite.com>. Additional instructions will be provided to those registered through Eventbrite.

BACKGROUND

The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (the Fund) was established through Senate Bill 200 (SB200) in July 2019. The Fund will provide up to \$130 million per year that will be used to develop and implement solutions for water systems that are not sustainable or have violations of drinking water standards. The Fund will help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Types of projects include, but are not limited to, consolidation with a larger system, extension of service, provision of interim replacement water, planning assistance, reducing and supporting operations and maintenance costs, and providing administrators. Projects generally must benefit a disadvantaged community or low-income households or communities.

The State Water Board is developing a Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan (Policy) for the Fund. The Policy will establish and document the State Water Board's direction on how the Fund Expenditure Plan (the Plan) will be developed. The Policy identifies and defines key terms and metrics; describes how proposed remedies will be identified, evaluated, prioritized, and included in the Plan; establishes a petition process for consideration of consolidation orders for disadvantaged communities; and includes a public hearing requirement. The State Water Board will consider adoption of the Policy at the State Water Board meeting on May 5th, 2020.

The State Water Board is also developing the Draft Fund Expenditure Plan, which is an annual document required by the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water statute which documents past and planned expenditures and prioritize projects for funding. The Draft Plan is based on a drinking water needs assessment, developed in consultation with the Department of Finance and other stakeholders. The purposes of the Draft Plan are to: (1) identify public water systems (PWS), community water systems (CWS), state small water systems and regions where domestic wells consistently fail or are at risk of failing to provide adequate safe drinking water, the causes of failure, and appropriate remedies; (2) determine the amounts and sources of funding needed to provide safe drinking water or eliminate the risk of failure to provide safe drinking water; and (3) identify gaps in supplying safe drinking water, and determine the amounts and sources of funding to eliminate those gaps.

Expenditures from the Fund on or after July 1, 2020 must be consistent with the FY 20-21 Fund Expenditure Plan. The Plan for FY 20-21 is expected to be adopted by the State Water Board on July 7, 2020. A new Fund Expenditure Plan will be developed and approved by the State Water Board annually.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Plan will be available for public comment in May 2020. More information regarding submitting comments will be provided at that time. Information will be available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the State Water Board Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the Draft Plan. Members of the public may present oral comments at the meeting. To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

MEETING DETAILS

Individuals requiring language interpretation services should contact Ms. Mandy Roman at the State Water Board at least 10 days prior at (916) 341-5265 or at Mandy.Roman@waterboards.ca.gov.

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to this website: <https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5261 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for security clearance. For more details about this meeting please go to: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any change in the date, time, the public comment period, or to the intended date of State Water Board consideration of the adoption Draft Plan will be provided via the State Water Board email distribution list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Plan must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html.

To subscribe, select the "General Interests" category, then check the box for "Board Meetings", and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding this notice and the Plan to Mr. Harish Bagha at (916) 341-5716 or Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov.

April 15, 2020
Date



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Clerk to the Board