
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2020-21 (FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2020) INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) FOR THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF), INCLUDING A SUPPLEMENTAL IUP FOR THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 2019 (ASADRA), AND REVISED GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSITION 1 AND PROPOSITION 68 DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comment on the IUPs for the DWSRF program and revised guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Drinking Water programs. The State Water Board will consider adopting the IUPs for the DWSRF program and revised guidelines for the implementation of Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 as early as the Tuesday, June 16, 2020 Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The DWSRF program provides low-cost financing to public water systems statewide to address drinking water quality and capacity issues. It also subsidizes a portion of California's public water system supervision program under the Division of Drinking Water.

The Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Drinking Water programs provide funding for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards, to ensure affordable drinking water, or both. Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Drinking Water funds will be administered consistent with the DWSRF IUPs and the DWSRF Policy to the extent allowed by federal regulations and state law.

The DWSRF IUPs outline the State Water Board's business plan for the DWSRF program as well as the Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Drinking Water programs during SFY 2020-21. The IUPs identify the available funding, the projects the State Water Board anticipates financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the DWSRF as well as the Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Drinking Water programs' performance.

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The DWSRF IUPs are required by federal statutes and regulations and will be included in the applications submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the FFY 2020 DWSRF Capitalization and ASADRA Grants. The DWSRF IUP also serves as guidelines for the implementation of the Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Drinking Water funds in accordance with applicable State statutes.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft IUPs are available for review on the State Water Board's website at: page https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html.

(To receive email notifications about future IUPs and other information related to the DWSRF Program and its associated programs, go to the State Water Board's Lyris Subscription website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.)

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept both written and oral comments on the proposed SFY 2020-21 (FFY 2020) DWSRF and ASADRA IUPs. Written comments should be submitted as early as possible to ensure thorough staff analysis. Please use the subject line "**Comment Letter –June 16, 2020 Board Meeting – DWSRF IUPs.**" Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on June 10, 2020** and should be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

At the Board Meeting, commenters will be given an opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement orally previously submitted written materials.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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.

If the Board adopts the SFY 2020-21 (FFY 2020) DWSRF and ASADRA IUPs, the adopted IUPs will be submitted to U.S. EPA as part of the State Water Board's applications for the FFY 2020 DWSRF Capitalization and ASADRA Grants.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the 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. An audio broadcast of the Meeting will be available via the internet; it 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.

WORKSHOP/WEBCAST

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) will also hold a public workshop/webcast on May 20, 2020, 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. The purpose of the workshop/webcast will be to provide an overview of the DWSRF IUPs and to receive public input regarding the draft IUPs.

The date and time of the workshop is:

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
9:30 a.m. -v12:30 p.m.
Remote Participation Only

Additional information about the workshop can be found at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Tatiana Guillen at Tatiana.Guillen@waterboards.ca.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Romana Wortell at Romana.Wortell@waterboards.ca.gov or DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date

May 11, 2020

Jeanine Townsend
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Clerk to the Board