
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINARS

Part 2 Webinar Series: Identifying At-Risk Water Systems & Domestic Wells

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold two staff-led public webinars to receive input from interested persons concerning the identification of public water systems and domestic wells “at-risk” of failing to provide safe drinking water.

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Morning Session: Public Water Systems:

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT

[Registration Link](#)

Afternoon Session: Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems:

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. PDT

[Registration Link](#)

Remote Participation Only for Both Sessions

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is implementing the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program with a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that the approximately one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as soon as possible. The current list of public water systems out of compliance with drinking water standards can be located on the [Human Right to Water web portal](#); however, it does not include state small water systems, which serve between five and fourteen connections, or domestic wells that serve between one and four connections.

The [SAFER Program](#) is responsible for identifying water systems and domestic wells that are “at-risk” of failing to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. Identifying “at-risk” systems and private domestic wells will help the State Water Board proactively target technical and financial assistance to ensure communities have access to safe and affordable drinking water.

On [April 17, 2020](#) the State Water Board hosted its first webinar workshop on Identifying At-Risk Water Systems and Domestic Wells. The following two webinar workshops seek to continue public dialogue and solicit public feedback on the development of these approaches:

Morning Session: Identification of At-Risk Public Water Systems - Potential Risk Indicators

The State Water Board Division of Drinking Water Needs Analysis Unit, in partnership with the University of California, Los Angeles, is seeking stakeholder feedback and recommendations on risk indicators being considered for inclusion in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment for public water systems. Version 1.0 of the Risk Assessment utilized 14 risk indicators. In response to public feedback, UCLA and the State Water Board has identified nearly 100 potential risk indicators that may be used in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment to assess water quality, accessibility, affordability, and TMF (technical, managerial, and financial capacity). This effort includes risk indicators identified in complimentary efforts conducted by Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the Department of Water Resources.

The morning session will also provide an overview and seek public feedback on a draft Risk Indicator Evaluation Tool which will be used to assess the applicability and fitness of the identified potential risk indicators for inclusion in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment. Additional information regarding the potential risk indicators and the Evaluation Tool will be provided prior to the July 22 session.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about and contribute to the State Water Board's approach to developing a more robust Risk Assessment for public water systems that aligns with the goals of the Human Right to Water. The State Water Board will provide a timeline and vision for the development of Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment and beyond.

Afternoon Session: Identification of At-Risk Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems.

The State Water Board Division of Water Quality Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Unit is seeking stakeholder feedback on technical aspects regarding the development of the aquifer risk map required in [SB-200](#). The aquifer risk map will identify aquifers likely to be used by domestic wells and state small water systems that are at high risk of exceeding primary drinking water standards. This map will be considered in the Fund Expenditure Plan to inform funding priorities and will be updated annually.

GAMA compiled groundwater quality data developed for the Needs Assessment into a state-wide map to support development of the current draft Fund Expenditure Plan. Potential attendees are encouraged to review this map and the [Needs Assessment Domestic Well Water Quality Tool](#) as references to foster discussion of the development of the first iteration of the aquifer risk map required in SB-200. Additional supporting information and materials will be provided prior to the July 22 session.

This workshop is intended to focus on collaborative discussion of select technical issues regarding development of the aquifer risk map, with minimal time for staff presentations. Stakeholder input on any other related issues are welcome as well.

These webinars will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about existing identification techniques and provide recommendations and feedback on State Water Board staff methods for determining “at-risk” public water systems, domestic wells, and state small water systems.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Related documents and information are available on the State Water Board [SAFER website](#).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. The presentation slides will be sent out ahead of time and shared via webcast. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please register for the webinar using the Eventbrite links for the [morning session](#) and the [afternoon session](#) (state small water systems and domestic wells). Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided through the Eventbrite links.

FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public staff webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices, including any changes to this notice of public webinars, must sign up for the e-mail distribution list using the [subscription form](#) select the box for ‘SAFER Drinking Water’ (located within the section entitled ‘General Interests’), and provide the required information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Date



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