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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY DROUGHT PREPARATION AND RESPONSE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a listening session focused on drought preparation and response strategies, desired outcomes, and recommendations to state agencies for improving drought preparedness.

**The Listening Session will be held as follows:**

**Monday, September 23, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building**  
**Coastal Hearing Room**  
**1001 I Street, Second Floor**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

The purpose of the listening session is to obtain input for a report on Water Resilience Portfolios for Governor Gavin Newsom to consider later this year in response to [Executive Order N-10-19](#). Specifically, the purpose of the listening session is to solicit recommendations and insights regarding what the state should do to better prepare for future droughts.

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

#### **BACKGROUND AND AGENDA**

In April 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-10-19 directing the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to recommend a suite of priorities and actions to build a climate-resilient water system and ensure healthy waterways through the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To develop this Water Resilience Portfolio, the agencies will identify and assess a suite of complementary actions to ensure safe and dependable water supplies, flood protection and healthy waterways for the state's communities, economy, and environment. This listening session will focus on aspects of the executive order related to drought planning and response, and will consist of three panels being convened with expertise in a variety of areas including ecosystem needs and environmental actions; urban, rural and agricultural water supplies; and legal uncertainties and planning challenges.

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## Proposed Agenda

The listening session will consist of three expert panels with panelist presentations and time for questions and answers at the end of each panel.

Panel 1: Urban, Rural, and Agricultural Water Supplies

Panel 2: Ecosystem Needs and Environmental Actions

Panel 3: Legal Uncertainties and Planning Challenges

Each commenter may be asked to limit their remarks to five minutes, depending on the number of parties present. Parties of like interests are encouraged to consolidate their comments and may pool their allotted time in a joint statement.

Parties may submit written comments or their ideas for meeting the water needs of California's communities, economy, and environment to [input@waterresilience.ca.gov](mailto:input@waterresilience.ca.gov).

More information may be found on the [Water Resilience Portfolio Initiative webpage](http://waterresilience.ca.gov/) [<http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>].

### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. CalEPA Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the [State Water Board website](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/) [<http://www.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. Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

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 (10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required.


### **WEBCAST OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Video and audio broadcasts of the September 23<sup>rd</sup> State Water Board listening session (in Sacramento only) and public hearings will be available via the Internet and can be accessed at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions may be directed to Samuel Cole, Senior WRCE, State Water Board Division of Water Rights at (916) 341-5345 or [Samuel.Cole@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Samuel.Cole@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date

  
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