
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group will hold its last meeting of 2023. A quorum of State Water Resources Control Board members may be present, but no action will be taken. This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

**SAFER Drinking Water Program:
Advisory Group Meeting and Tour
December 7, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

Coachella Valley Water District
51501 Tyler St, Coachella, CA 92236

VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE

To watch the meeting, join video.calepa.ca.gov

PURPOSE

This meeting will bring together the SAFER Advisory Group to discuss items on the following agenda. Items on this agenda are numbered for identification purposes only; the SAFER Advisory Group may consider the items out of the listed order.

AGENDA

1. SAFER program updates and 2023 accomplishments
2. Needs Assessment updates
3. Advisory Group member announcements
4. Public Comments
5. Coachella Valley Regionalization tour to commemorate community leadership and the 100th SAFER consolidation project:
 - a. Stop 1 - Approximate time: 12:30pm
West Side Elementary School, 82-225 Airport Blvd, Thermal, CA 92274
 - b. Stop 2 - Approximate time: 2:00pm
Mission San Jose Community Center, 69353 Pierce St., Thermal, CA 92274

PUBLIC COMMENT

SAFER Advisory Group meetings are open to the public. Members of the public members can comment on agenda items. Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Public members not attending in person are invited to provide their comment by email to safer@waterboards.ca.gov with the following information:

1. In the email subject line, write “SAFER Advisory Group Meeting Comment”
2. In the body of the email, please include the following:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Who you represent (self, another person, an organization, etc.)
 - c. The agenda item number or topic you wish to speak on
 - d. Your comment

REQUEST LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English and Spanish. To request interpretation in another language or sign language services, please submit your request by November 22, 2023. Please request language services by submitting a [Language Services Request](#), by phone (916) 445-5615, or by email safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

WEBCAST ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will be webcast in English and Spanish at video.calepa.ca.gov. Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting details and materials will be available online on the SAFER calendar webpage: waterboards.ca.gov/safer/calendar.

BACKGROUND

This meeting is part of the State Water Board’s Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) drinking water program, generally referred to as SAFER.

The SAFER drinking water program is designed to ensure Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible. The SAFER drinking water program is helping water systems achieve this goal through a set of tools, funding sources, regulatory authorities, and community outreach and education.

The SAFER Advisory Group is a consultative body that advises the Board on the SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan, and other key analyses and policies as needed. The SAFER Advisory Group does not make decisions or come to consensus on discussion topics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about this notice, email safer@waterboards.ca.gov.
To learn more about the SAFER Drinking Water program, visit waterboards.ca.gov/safer.

October 31, 2023

Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board

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