
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINARS Remote Participation Only

**SAFER: 2021 Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment:
Navigating the Results**
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Register [HERE](#)

SAFER: Navigating the Aquifer Risk Map
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Register [HERE](#)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold two public webinar training sessions to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the underlying data associated with the 2021 Risk Assessment, Affordability Assessment and Aquifer Risk Map. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

If you wish to watch the meeting: A webcast will be available at video.calepa.ca.gov/ and should be used unless you intend to discuss an agenda item.

If you wish to discuss an agenda item or ask a question: Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting platform is available in the public comment section of this notice ([below](#)).

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/needs

PUBLIC COMMENT

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to discuss agenda items via videoconference or telephonically. Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Please register for the webinar to receive the participation link for discussion:

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SAFER: Navigating the Aquifer Risk Map

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LANGUAGE SERVICES

Spanish language interpretation can be provided for the webinar. If you require Spanish-language interpretation, please RSVP to safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you require interpretation for a language other than Spanish or if you require sign language services, please email a request to safer@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 business days before the meeting.

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 SAFER Program is responsible for conducting an annual Needs Assessment, which consists of three components: (1) Affordability Assessment, (2) Risk Assessment, and (3) Cost Assessment. Results of the Needs Assessment are used to inform the prioritization of projects in the annual Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

The State Water Board's Needs Analysis Unit in the Division of Drinking Water lead the implementation of the Needs Assessment in coordination with the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA). The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) was contracted (agreement term: 09.01.2019 through 03.31.2021) to support the initial development of Needs Assessment methodologies for the Risk Assessment and Cost Assessment.

URL to Needs Assessment Report:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/needs/2021_needs_assessment.pdf

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PURPOSE: This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about 2021 Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment Results and to help the public navigate the data behind the Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment. The State Water Board will provide an overview of the results of the Risk Assessment (public water systems) and Affordability Assessment.

AGENDA

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Overview of Needs Assessment
2. 2021 Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment results spreadsheet walkthrough
3. Public Feedback

2021 Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment: Navigating the Results

The focus of this webinar is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions about the results and the underlying data associated with the Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment.

Risk Assessment Results Spreadsheet: The Risk Assessment results spreadsheet for public water systems identifies systems at risk or potentially at risk of failing to meet one or more key Human Right to Water goals: (1) providing safe drinking water; (2) accessible drinking water; (3) affordable drinking water; and/or (4) maintaining a sustainable water system. The results contain multi-faceted examination across four risk indicator categories: Water Quality, Accessibility, Affordability; and TMF (technical, managerial, and financial) Capacity.

Affordability Assessment Results: The Affordability Assessment results spreadsheet identifies disadvantaged community water systems, that have instituted customer charges that exceed the “Affordability Threshold” established by the State Water Board in order to provide drinking water that meets State and federal standards. For the 2021 Affordability Assessment, the State Water Board utilized three affordability indicators and corresponding thresholds to identify water systems that may be struggling with affordability challenges. The affordability indicators used in the Assessment include: Percent Median Household Income; Extreme Water Bill; and Percent Shut-Offs for Non-Payment.

SAFER: Navigating the Aquifer Risk Map

Date: Monday, May 24, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: This webinar will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the State Water Board's Aquifer Risk Map.

AGENDA

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1. Overview of the Needs Assessment
2. Risk Assessment methodology for state small water systems & domestic wells
3. Navigating the Aquifer Risk Map
4. Public Feedback

Aquifer Risk Map: The Aquifer Risk Map was developed to fulfill requirements of Senate Bill (SB 200, Monning, 2019), and is a component of California's Safe and Affordable Fund for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program. The Aquifer Risk Map is intended to help prioritize areas where domestic wells and state small water systems may be accessing groundwater that does not meet primary drinking water standards (maximum contaminant level or MCL). In accordance with SB 200, the Aquifer Risk Map is available to the public and is to be updated annually starting January 1, 2021.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Related documents and information are available on the State Water Board Needs Assessment website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/needs

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please register for the webinar to receive the participation link for discussion. Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided via email.

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Navigating the Aquifer Risk Map

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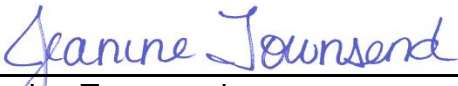
The State Water Board will hold the public webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices,

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 DDW-SAFER-NAU@Waterboards.ca.gov

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