
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR

Remote Participation Only

SAFER Aquifer Risk Map: At-Risk Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold its third public webinar to receive input from interested persons concerning the identification of at-risk domestic wells and state small water systems. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

**Friday, October 9, 2020
9:00 a.m. PST**

[Registration Link \(Zoom\)](#)

[Pre-Meeting Survey Link](#)

PURPOSE:

The State Water Board Division of Water Quality Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Unit is seeking stakeholder feedback on the development of the aquifer risk map. A [draft version of the map](#) is available to view prior to the webinar. This webinar will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the draft map methodology and provide recommendations and feedback on State Water Board staff methods for determining “at-risk” domestic wells and state small water systems.

Pre-Meeting Survey:

Please complete the pre-meeting survey prior to the meeting at:
<http://bit.ly/AquiferRiskMapSurvey>

AGENDA

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Introduction and background of aquifer risk map development
2. Aquifer risk map methodology and presentation of draft map
3. Opportunity for public comment and feedback

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: 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/safer/>.

The draft map is available online at: http://bit.ly/SAFER_RiskMap

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.

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 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 intent of the aquifer risk map is 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). The risk map is required by SB-200 and is to be updated annually starting January 1, 2021. The Fund Expenditure Plan states the risk map will be used by Water Boards staff to help prioritize areas for available SAFER funding. The upcoming map plans to use a combination of available geographic data layers, including a water quality risk layer, a domestic well density layer, and a state small water system location layer.

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 Zoom link:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rduGgqT4vH9cWucPEXKofEc_9aKKh69q2

Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided via email.

FUTURE NOTICES

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 safer@waterboards.ca.gov.