
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Board Workshop, and Board Consideration of Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board will accept written comments on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (FEP). Public written comments must be submitted no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, July 31, 2025**. Written comments must be submitted per the procedures in the "Submission of Comments" section of this public notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will have a Board Workshop to provide an overview of the Draft FY 2025-26 FEP and receive public input. A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but the State Water Board will take no action.

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento

And via Video and Teleconference (For public commenters)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider the adoption of the proposed FY 2025-26 FEP at its regularly scheduled Board meeting no earlier than:

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento

And via Video and Teleconference (For public commenters)

Please note that the adoption of the FEP may occur on a later date but no earlier than the date listed above.

Participation Option(s)

Review the Available Documents

Review the Draft FY 2025-26 FEP, once available, through the following links. Physical copies of the available documents may be mailed to you upon request by contacting staff as described below.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/safer.html

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Attend the Public Meeting(s)

- Participate in person to observe or provide a comment at the CalEPA Headquarters Building.
- Participate in the meeting remotely through Zoom or by phone: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/.
- Watch the meeting online through the CalEPA webcast: (video.calepa.ca.gov)

Submit Written Comments

Written comments on the Draft FY 2025-26 FEP must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on July 31, 2025. Comments received after this time and date may not be considered.

Please email your written comments to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov and include “**Comment Letter – Draft FY 2025-26 FEP**” in the subject line. You may also mail, or hand deliver your written comments to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Attention: Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Language Services

This meeting will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the meeting, or sign language services, please use one of the following options as soon as possible and no later than ten (10) business days before the Board Workshop and Board Meeting (by July 1, 2025 and August 5, 2025, respectively):

- Submit an online request: bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Contact us to request information in your language.

Comuníquese con nosotros para solicitar servicios lingüísticos o información en su idioma.

Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы запросить информацию на вашем языке.

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Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

Accessibility

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Any person who requires a reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should email contact@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5254, at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. Learn more about accessibility within Zoom at www.zoom.com/en/accessibility.

Building and Parking Information

- Directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.
- 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 on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

Background

The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SADW Fund) was established through Senate Bill 200 in July 2019. The SADW Fund provides up to \$130 million per year to develop and implement solutions for water systems and domestic wells that are not sustainable or have violations of drinking water standards. Funding is generally prioritized for small, disadvantaged communities or low-income households.

The State Water Board adopted the Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan (SAFER Policy) for the SADW Fund. The SAFER Policy establishes and documents the State Water Board's direction on how the annual Fund Expenditure Plan (FEP) is to be developed.

The State Water Board is updating the FEP, which is an annual document required by statute. The Draft FY 2025-26 FEP is informed by an annual statewide drinking water needs assessment and developed in consultation with stakeholders. The FEP discusses FY 2025-26 funding targets, funding prioritization by solution type, distribution of prior FY 2024-25 funds, metrics and performance, funding eligibilities and process. Expenditures from the SADW Fund in FY 2025-26 must be consistent with the FY 2025-26 FEP.

Stay Informed

Subscribe to receive email notifications for 'SAFER Drinking Water' at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

Enter your email address and password, then select the submit button. If this is your first time subscribing to a Water Boards email subscription list, you will have to register and create a password.

Any person interested in receiving additional information about the SAFER Program, including any change to the date, time, or meeting location in this public notice, should subscribe to the email distribution list.

Contact Information

- Staff contact: Harish Bagha at Harish.Bagha@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5716.
- Program contact: SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 445-5615.
- Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/safer.html

June 30, 2025

Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board