

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND WORKSHOP CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD'S ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will accept input and comments on the development of the Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Program from **July 23, 2025 – September 9, 2025** on the following documents available on the Central Coast Water Board's AWS Program website¹ or by request (see contact information below):

- *Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Costs in Central Coast Areas Affected by Agricultural Nitrate Groundwater Contamination* (referred to as the Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Costs herein)
 - Executive Summary of Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Costs available separately in Spanish.
- *Conceptual Structure for the Alternative Water Supply Program: Request for Public Input* (referred to as the AWS Program Concepts herein)
 - Executive Summary of AWS Program Concepts available separately in Spanish.

Written comments must be received by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2025**. Late comments may not be accepted unless approved by the Central Coast Water Board Chair.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Coast Water Board will hold a workshop for the AWS Program development at the regular meeting of the Central Coast Water Board on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Although a quorum of Central Coast Water Board members may be present, no Board action will be taken. The workshop will begin no earlier than:

Thursday, August 21, 2025 - 1:00 PM
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
and via Video and Teleconference

¹ Central Coast Water Board's Alternative Water Supply Program website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ilp/alternative-water.html

This workshop is an opportunity for the public to provide input to Central Coast Water Board staff on the Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Costs, the AWS Program Concepts, and any other issue of interest related to the development of the AWS Program.

Instructions for remote participation in the workshop will be included in the Board meeting agenda, which can be found on the webpage linked below:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2025/2025_agendas.html

LANGUAGE SERVICES

Written Documents: Executive summaries of both the Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Costs and the AWS Program Concepts are available in both English and Spanish. To request translation of the Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Costs or the AWS Program Concepts documents in their entirety, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options by August 8, 2025:

- Submit a Language Services Request form online to the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) ²
- Call the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) at (916) 445-5615
- Email the OPEETA at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Workshop: The workshop will be offered in both English and Spanish, with live interpretation available to both in-person and remote attendees.

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 reasonable accommodation to participate in the public workshop should contact James Bishop at james.bishop@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

BACKGROUND

On September 20, 2023, the State Water Board adopted [Order WQ 2023-0081](#),³ *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order R3-2021-0040* (Remand Order). The Remand Order directs the Central Coast Water Board to develop an alternative water supply program for residents in the Central Coast region relying on groundwater in areas where the maximum

² Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs Language Services Request form:

<https://bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm>

³ Order WQ 2023-0081:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/docs/2023/wqo2023-0081.pdf

contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate is exceeded as a result of agricultural operations. The Central Coast Water Board is seeking public input on the development of this program and encourages the public to submit written comments on the publicly available documents and/or to participate in the workshop.

STAY INFORMED

Any person interested in receiving additional information about the AWS Program, including any change to the date, time, or meeting location in this public notice, should subscribe to the email distribution list. Visit the Central Coast Water Board's Email Subscription List website using the following link:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=central_coast

Submit the subscriber's email address, and once directed to the list of email subscription lists, select the checkbox for "Alternative Water Supply Program" and then select "Submit." For more information, please contact the staff person listed below.

STAFF CONTACT AND COMMENTS SUBMITTAL

Please email written comments to AWS-Program@waterboards.ca.gov and include "**Comment Letter – AWS Program**" in the subject line. Written comments may also be mailed or delivered to:

Central Coast Water Board
Irrigated Lands Program – Alternative Water Supplies
Attention: James Bishop
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Contact James Bishop at james.bishop@waterboards.ca.gov or 805-542-4628 with any questions regarding this notice or opportunity for public participation in the development of this AWS Program.