
State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and as authorized by Government Code section 11133 and Executive Order N-1-22, this meeting will occur solely via remote presence.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SAFER Program: Funding Partner Application Q&A

April 11, 2022

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Remote Participation Only

PURPOSE

We will provide a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of SAFER drinking water program Funding Partners (a new type of program partner) and answer questions.

AGENDA

1. SAFER Funding Partner Overview
2. Public Question and Answer Session

MEETING LOGISTICS

- To participate in the virtual meeting, join via the Zoom link below
 - bit.ly/FundingPartnerApp

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English. To request interpretation in another language or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting (by March 28) to Brita Romans at (916) 445-5603 or safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

WEBCAST ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will offer closed captioning in English.

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

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 just SAFER.

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

The SAFER drinking water program is rolling out a new Outreach and Engagement Strategy to increase early community engagement; keep local drinking water projects on track; identify potential risks, issues, or delays; build local capacity and create a path towards equitable and resilient water governance.

We are partnering with local experts to make this happen. The strategy involves three types of outreach and engagement partners:

1. Funding Partners: Enter into a funding agreement with the State Water Board and fund Community Partners for outreach and engagement activities
2. Community Partners: Implement outreach and engagement, community education, and community capacity building activities
3. Technical Assistance Providers: Provide administrative, technical, operational, legal, managerial, and/or community engagement support to failing water systems

FUNDING PARTNER RESOURCES

Materials and details are available online at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/outreach.html>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about this notice, email safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

To learn more about the SAFER program, visit waterboards.ca.gov/safer.

March 28, 2022

Date



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Clerk to the Board