
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Board Workshop, and Board Consideration of Draft Fiscal Year 2026-27 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 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 Friday, October 30, 2026. Written comments must be submitted per the procedures in the "Submission of Comments" section of this public notice.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will have a Board Workshop to provide an overview of the Draft FY 2026-27 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, October 6, 2026 - 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 ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider the adoption of the proposed FY 2026-27 FEP at its regularly scheduled Board meeting no earlier than:

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - 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)

Submission of Written Comments

Persons interested in the Fund Expenditure Plan are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on October 30, 2026**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State

Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery to:

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

Please also indicate in the subject line, “**Comment Letter— Draft FY 2026-27 FEP**”.

If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.

Language Services

To request translation of a written document please use one of the following options as early as you can, but no later than twenty (20) business days before the meeting, if possible.

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

Contact us to request information in your language.

Contáctenos para solicitar información en su idioma.

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귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਭ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

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

请联系我们，以您的语言获取相关信息。

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 2026-27 FEP is informed by an annual statewide drinking water needs assessment and developed in consultation with stakeholders, including the

SAFER Advisory Group. The FEP discusses FY 2026-27 anticipated SAFER Program funding available, funding targets, funding prioritization by solution type, cumulative and prior FY 2025-26 program performance, and funding eligibilities. Expenditures from the SADW Fund in FY 2026-27 must be consistent with the FY 2026-27 FEP.

Stay Informed

Subscribe to receive email notifications for 'SAFER Drinking Water' at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

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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

September 29, 2026
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board