

Water Rights Fees Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Webcast and Zoom Meeting Only

NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Live Webcast [Here](#)

[Water Rights Email](#)



AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. WRF Budget Cost Drivers (Attachment 1)
3. CalEPA BCP [California Environmental Protection Agency \(CalEPA\) Bond and Technical Adjustments](#)
4. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
5. Open Discussion
6. Next Steps
 - a. June 12 Stakeholder Meeting

**Water Rights Fund
Budget Cost Drivers
FY 2026-27
(\$000)**

Water Rights Fund (3058)	FY 2025-26 Fee-Setting Budget	FY 2026-27 Governor's January Proposed Fee-Setting Budget¹	Net Difference	Percent Change
Budget Allocation	\$38,318	\$39,156	\$838	2.2%

FY 2026-27 Budget Cost Drivers	Increase Amount	Percent Change
State Operations ²	\$734	1.9%
Pro Rata	\$515	1.3%
CDTFA	\$10	0.0%
26-27 CalEPA Consolidated Administration BCP	\$130	0.3%
Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions	(\$110)	-0.3%
Section 4.12 Vacancy Savings and Position Elimination Adjustment	(\$441)	-1.2%
Totals	\$838	2.2%

¹The FY 2026-27 Governor's January Proposed Budget includes a \$5,472,000 loan, the second installment from the USTCF to the WRF to support the continued implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This amount is not included in the January Proposed Fee Setting Budget.

²Control Section Item 9800 Employee Compensation, 3.60 Retirement and Healthcare Cost.