

Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group Application

The State Water Board seeks qualified applicants for the SAFER Drinking Water Program Advisory Group. Deadline to apply: **August 31, 2026**. For questions or help, contact SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 445-5615.

- For emailed applications, send to SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov by **11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2026**.
- For mailed applications, **postmark by August 31, 2026**, and send to:
*State Water Resources Control Board
Attention: Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs
SAFER Advisory Group Applications
1001 I Street, MS 19-B
Sacramento, CA 95814*

Please do not include any personal information that is not requested.

For information regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, please review the [Privacy Notice on Collection](#).

Applicant information:

Name:
Mailing address:
City, State, Zip:
County:
Phone:
Email:
Primary or preferred language:
Secondary language (optional):

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**Select the category/categories for which you are applying.
Applicants may choose more than one.**

Public Water System (PWS)

Representative of a system that provides water for human consumption that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals for at least 60 days of the year.

Name of Public Water System	Your Title and Role
Please provide additional information about your public water system (i.e. type of water system, community and number of people served, if you are currently experiencing any water quality issues or are undergoing a SAFER funded project, etc.)	

Technical Assistance Provider (TA)

Representative of an organization that addresses the drinking water or wastewater needs of small disadvantaged communities or supports water systems in doing so.

Name of TA Provider	Your Title and Role
Please provide additional information about your organization (i.e. communities served, services provided, if you are currently supporting a SAFER funded project, etc.)	

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Local Agency (Local)

Representative of a government entity that operates at the local level, such as city, county, or regional.

Agency Name	Your Title and Role
<p>Please provide additional information about your local agency (i.e. community served, services provided, if your community is currently experiencing any water quality issues or is undergoing a SAFER funded project, etc.)</p>	

Nongovernmental Organization (NGO)

Representative of a non-profit organization that operates independently of any government, which addresses social or political issues.

Name of Organization	Your Title and Role
<p>Please provide additional information about your organization (i.e. communities served, services provided, if you are currently supporting a SAFER funded project, etc.)</p>	

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Tribal Representative

Representative authorized to represent the interests of a California Native American Tribe or an organization that works alongside and for Tribal communities.

How do you represent Tribal interests? (Tribal Government, Tribal Water System, Tribal NGO, etc.)	Name of Tribe	Your Title and Role
<p>Please provide additional information about how you represent Tribal Interests (i.e. services provided, if your community is currently experiencing any water quality issues or is undergoing a SAFER funded project, etc.)</p>		

Resident

CA resident served by a community water system in a disadvantaged community, a state small water system, and/or a domestic well.

Community Name	Time in this community?	Drinking water source (private well, water system, etc.)
<p>Please provide additional information about your community (i.e. if your community is currently experiencing any water quality issues or is undergoing a SAFER funded project, etc.)</p>		

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The Public

Member of the public.

Affiliation, Work or Community	Your Title/Role
<p>Please provide additional information about your work or community (i.e. communities served, projects you've worked on, if you are currently supporting a SAFER funded project, etc.)</p>	

Please answer the following questions

Have you applied for the SAFER Advisory Group before? Yes / No

Have you attended a SAFER Advisory Group meeting before? Yes / No

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Why are you interested in joining the SAFER Advisory Group? What perspective can you bring to the Advisory Group? (500-character max)

**What is your experience with drinking water?
(500-character max)**

What areas of the SAFER Program are you most interested in contributing your feedback to or improving as a member of the Advisory Group? (500-character max)

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References

Please identify organizations/individuals supporting your application:

Name	Organization or Community Affiliation	Relationship to Applicant	Phone	Email

Please share how you heard about the SAFER Advisory Group application:

- Instagram
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- SAFER Advisory Group Meeting
- SAFER email list serve announcement
- SAFER Webpage
- Other, please specify: _____

I have read the [SAFER Advisory Group Charter](#)^[OBJ] expectations, and understand the roles, responsibilities, and conflict of interest provisions associated with an appointment to the SAFER Advisory Group.^[OBJ]

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

State Water Resources Control Board Privacy Notice on Collection

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Please do not include any personal information that is not requested.

Authority for Collection of Personal Information: Your information is collected in accordance with [Health and Safety Code, section 116768.5](#).

Principal Purpose for Which the Information Collected is to Be Used: Water Boards collects only the personal information necessary to process applications for individuals interested in participating as SAFER Advisory Group members. The collected information will be utilized to contact applicants if further clarification is required regarding their application and to inform them of the status of their application.

Known or Foreseeable Disclosures of the Information: We do not disclose your personal information to anyone outside of the Water Boards unless authorized or required by law. This may include sharing with government agencies when necessary to perform legal duties, or as required for investigative or law enforcement purposes.

Consequences of Not Providing Any or All Parts of the Requested Information: Providing personal information is voluntary. You do not have to provide the personal information requested. If you choose not to provide personal information, such as your name, email address, or phone number, you may remain anonymous. However, we may be unable to follow up with you or provide requested services if contact information is not provided.

Official Responsible for Maintenance of Information: Director of the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs

Contact Information for Responsible Official:
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