

Budget Act of 2021 Allocation: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

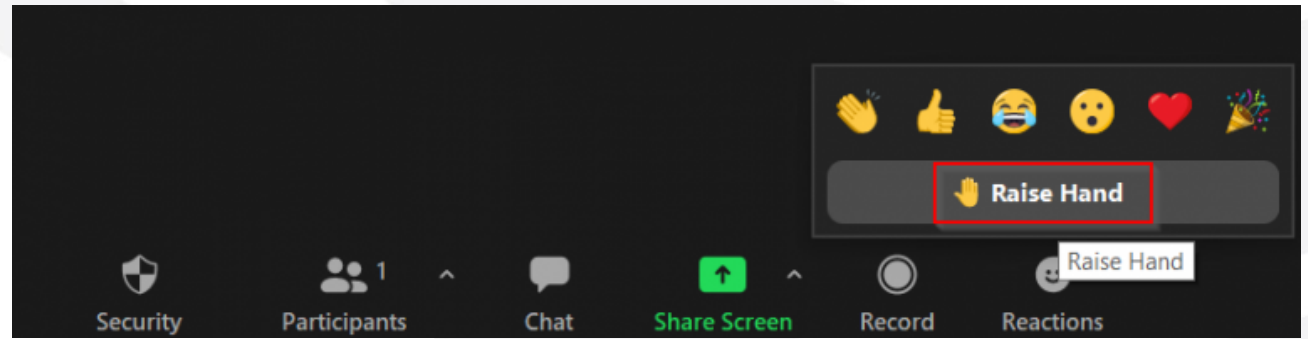
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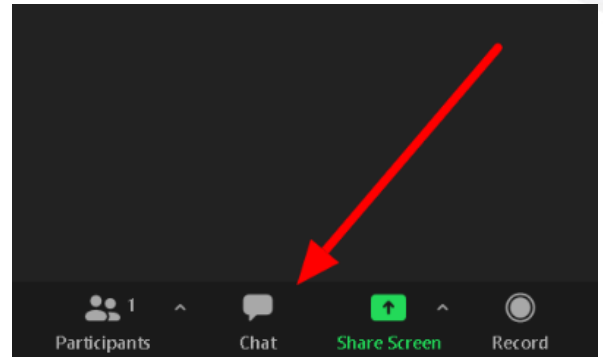
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PFAS Funding Workshop Agenda

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- **Funding Background**
- **Proposed Funding Strategy**
- **Feedback on Proposals**
- **Next Steps & Stay Informed**
- **Related Efforts**
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Budget Act of 2021 – State Water Board Allocations

Allocation (Millions)	Project Type
\$650	Wastewater projects <i>*priority to septic-to-sewer conversions</i>
\$650	Drinking water projects <i>*priority to disadvantaged communities (DACs)</i>
\$100	Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) support for water systems
\$350	Groundwater cleanup and water recycling projects
\$20	Mexico border rivers
\$	Other project-specific/directed allocations

Funding Background

- Senate Bill 170 appropriated \$30M from General Fund to State Water Board for technical and financial assistance to drinking water systems to address PFAS.
 - Must be committed to projects by June 30, 2024
 - Must be disbursed by June 30, 2026
- Additional \$50M proposed for fiscal year (FY) 2022/2023
- Additional \$20M proposed for FY 2023/2024.

Funding Background Continued

- Existing Division of Financial Assistance funding processes will be used to administer this PFAS funding.
- Relevant existing programs/processes:
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP)
 - Safe and Affordable Drinking Water (SADW) Fund Expenditure Plan (FEP)

Relevant Existing Small DAC Support

The SADW FEP prioritizes funding for small DACs and discusses funding opportunities for:

- Collection and analysis of water samples for contaminants of emerging concern, including PFAS.
- Planning and Technical Assistance to address contaminants of emerging concern.
- Pilot or demonstration studies.

Proposed Small DAC PFAS Support

- Minimum \$20M for projects benefitting small DACs, funded consistent with SADW FEP.
- Proposed project types:
 - Testing water systems for PFAS, likely via a Technical Assistance Provider
 - Regional-scale pilot tests and demonstration projects
 - Template designs for other small systems to utilize
 - Planning for regional consolidation efforts

Proposed Support for Other Communities

- Implementation funding for ready to proceed projects.
- Apply through DWSRF Program.
- Small non-DACs and medium DACs eligible for 100% of eligible project costs.
- For other communities (medium non-DACs, all larger communities) funding limited to 50% of project costs.
- As condition of PFAS funding, water systems to incorporate data collection and analysis to inform statewide PFAS data.

Other Pilot/Demonstration Projects

- State Water Board can potentially approve funding to specific projects that don't follow FEP or IUP processes, as part of a directed Board action
- Such projects must assist water system(s) to address PFAS

Feedback on Proposals

- Comments on proposed \$20M set aside for small DACs?
- Other small DAC needs/project types to address?
- Comments on approach for other communities?
- Key needs/project types we did not address?

State Funding for PFAS (\$100 M)

Next Steps:

- **April 13, 2022:** Deadline for (Informal) Public Feedback/Comments on information presented at March 30, 2022 Staff Workshop
 - Submit to: DFA-PFAS-Funding@waterboards.ca.gov
- **June 21, 2022:** Board Consideration of Proposals

Stay Informed:

- Subscribe for e-updates:
www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html
 - Click on “Financial Assistance”
 - ✓ Select “Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Funding”
- Check for updates on the PFAS Funding website:
http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

Related Federal Funding

- New federal funding through DWSRF and CWSRF for contaminants of emerging concern, including PFAS.
 - Anticipated over next five years:
 - \$360M for drinking water
 - \$70M for wastewater
- Funding priorities and requirements to be addressed in 2022/23 DWSRF and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) IUPs
 - Planned for Board consideration July 2022