
State Water Resources Control Board

INFORMATION FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND POLICY STATEMENTS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2026, ON THE HEARING REGARDING MODIFICATION OF CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

The State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Water Rights, assisted by the Administrative Hearings Office, is holding a public hearing on the written record to inform the Board's consideration of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's (MPWMD) October 21, 2025, application under Water Code section 1832 to modify Orders WR 2009-0060 and WR 2016-0016 that the Board issued to California-American Water Company (Cal-Am).

Policy statements will be accepted both **in person and by Zoom Webinar on November 5, 2026** starting at **9:00 a.m.**, at Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California.

All visitors must check in with the California Department of General Services (DGS) upon arrival. You will be asked to provide your name and will receive a temporary visitor badge before proceeding to the Second Floor hearing room.

Participants who wish to provide a policy statement remotely must register in advance to join the November 5 Zoom hearing. Registration is optional for those attending in person.

Anyone wishing to watch this hearing without participating may view the live stream on the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel at: bit.ly/aho-youtube.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This hearing will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the hearing, or sign language services, please use one of the following options by **October 22, 2026**:

- Submit a [Language Services Request form online](#)
- Call (916) 341-5254
- E-mail languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Contact us to request information in your language.

Contáctenos para solicitar información en su idioma.

Liên hệ chúng tôi để yêu cầu thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị.

귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오.

ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ 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。

ACCESSIBILITY & REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Any person who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in the hearing should email contact@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5254, at least ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.

PURPOSE OF HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board)'s Division of Water Rights (Division), assisted by the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO), is holding a public hearing to consider MPWMD's application of October 21, 2025, to modify two existing orders issued to Cal-Am. More information about the application and the hearing process is available in the Notice of Public Hearing issued June 19, 2026, and in the Amended Notice of Public Hearing issued July 10, 2026. Both documents can be accessed [on the Division's webpage for the proceeding](#).

POLICY STATEMENTS

The date to submit written policy statements and optional presentation materials is **November 3, 2026**. Water Board staff will handle screen-sharing of materials during the in-person and Zoom portions of the hearing. The AHO and some Members will hear public comments and oral presentation of policy statements in person and remotely on Zoom on **November 5, 2026**. A quorum of the Board will not be present and no action will be taken on November 5.

Information presented during the hybrid hearing day will become part of this proceeding's administrative record. However, these materials will not be considered as evidence when the Board makes its determinations.

Members of the public may also watch or listen to the hearing in person or on YouTube at bit.ly/aho-youtube.

Registration and Attendance

Registration is voluntary for in-person attendance, and anyone may attend the hearing regardless of whether they register in advance.

- In-person participation: Individuals do not need to provide identifying information. (Gov. Code, § 11124 subd. (a).)
- Zoom participation: Individuals may register using a pseudonym or a first name. A valid e-mail address is required to receive the Zoom participation link. (Gov. Code, § 11124, subd. (c).)

The AHO will also accept policy statements delivered by another person, either in person or on Zoom Webinar.

Time Limits for Oral Comments or Policy Statements

As stated in the Notice of Public Hearing issued June 19, 2026, each oral policy statement or oral summary of a written policy statement will be subject to a time limit, likely no more than 5 minutes. The hearing officer may adjust the allotted time based on the number of people who request to speak.

Order of Presentations

During the hearing, the hearing officer will first invite participants present in the hearing room to present their comments or statements. After in-person speakers present, the hearing officer will invite participants on Zoom to present their comments or statements.

How to Present a Policy Statement in Writing:

The AHO accepts written policy statements submitted by e-mail, U.S. mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery by November 3, 2026. Policy statements will be posted on the Division's FTP site on November 4, 2026. Written policy statements may be submitted anonymously.

By E-mail: Cal-AmProject@waterboards.ca.gov

By Mail: State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100	By Hand Delivery or Overnight Delivery: Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814
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How to Present a Policy Statement In Person:

Members of the public who wish to present a policy statement in person are encouraged, but not required, to register in advance using the Registration Form at <https://bit.ly/3VaA0r4>. You may indicate on the form that you plan to present a policy statement in person. Participants who appear in person are not required to provide identifying information before speaking.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. at the Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California.

How to Present a Policy Statement Using Zoom Webinar:

Advance registration is required to participate in the hearing by Zoom Webinar on November 5, 2026. You may register using a pseudonym, first name, or other preferred name. Members of the public who use Zoom Webinar may choose to present their statements with or without video. A Notice of Intent to Appear Form is not required to participate.

1. Registration

To register, please complete the Registration Form at <https://bit.ly/3VaA0r4> by the close of business on **Monday, November 2, 2026**.

You are not required to provide identifying information, but you must provide a valid e-mail address so the AHO can send your Zoom participation link. A QR code (below) is also available for quick access to the Registration Form.



2. Order of Proceeding

The AHO will e-mail an order of proceeding for registered in-person and Zoom Webinar participants before November 5, 2026.

3. Zoom Webinar Link

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on November 5, the AHO will send each registered person an individualized link to join the webinar. This link

- is unique to the e-mail address provided;
- should not be shared; and
- cannot be used to access the hearing from more than one device.

4. If You Do Not Receive Your Link

If you have registered but do not see your individualized link before 9:00 a.m., please check your junk and spam folder. For assistance, e-mail: adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov.

5. Joining the Webinar

To join on November 5, click the “Join” link in your e-mailed Zoom invitation. Consider signing in early to allow time to resolve any technical issues.

6. Attendee Access

All participants will enter the proceeding as Attendees. Attendees can see and hear the hearing officer and AHO staff but cannot turn on their own camera or microphone until called to speak.

7. Presenting Your Policy Statement

The hearing officer will call the name used during registration when it is your turn to speak. When your name is called:

- Please raise a virtual “Zoom” hand.
- AHO staff will unmute your microphone.
- The hearing officer will ask whether you prefer to present on camera or by audio only.

If you choose to appear on camera, AHO staff will elevate you to Panelist status. You may see a pop-up message asking you to accept the upgrade. A brief pause may occur while the system completes this action—this does not mean you’ve been disconnected.

After you finish speaking:

- You will be returned to Attendee status.
- The hearing officer will call the next speaker.
- Please exit the Zoom Webinar and continue watching on YouTube at: bit.ly/aho-youtube

8. Technical Issues

If your device freezes, please restart it. For technical problems during the hearing, e-mail: adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov. AHO staff will be monitoring the inbox.

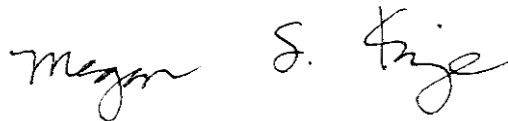
9. If You Do Not Plan to Speak

If you will not present a policy statement, please watch the hearing on the YouTube livestream instead of joining the Zoom Webinar: bit.ly/aho-youtube.

10. Additional Questions

For questions about public participation on November 5, please contact the AHO at adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: October 13, 2026



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