
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR Remote Participation Only

SAFER: 2022 Drinking Water Needs Assessment

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Register [HERE](#)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and discuss proposed changes to the Drinking Water Needs Assessment for 2022. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

If you wish to watch the meeting: A webcast will be available at video.calepa.ca.gov/ and should be used unless you intend to discuss an agenda item.

If you wish to discuss an agenda item or ask a question: Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting platform is available in the public comment section of this notice ([below](#)).

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/needs

PUBLIC COMMENT

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to discuss agenda items via videoconference or telephonically. Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Please register for the webinar to receive the participation link for discussion: https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R1GIQpWUSDWs3r9ptpYqOA

LANGUAGE SERVICES

Spanish language interpretation can be provided for the webinar. If you require Spanish-language interpretation, please email a request to safer@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 business days before the meeting.

If you require interpretation for a language other than Spanish or if you require sign language services, please email a request to safer@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 business days before the meeting.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board is implementing the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program with a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that the approximately one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as soon as possible.

The SAFER Program is responsible for conducting an annual Needs Assessment, which consists of three components: (1) Affordability Assessment, (2) Risk Assessment, and (3) Cost Assessment. Results of the Needs Assessment are used to inform the prioritization of projects in the annual Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

The State Water Board's Needs Analysis Unit in the Division of Drinking Water leads the implementation of the Needs Assessment in coordination with the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA).

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2021 Needs Assessment Report

PURPOSE

This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about and contribute to the 2022 Drinking Water Needs Assessment. The State Water Board will propose changes to indicators used in the Risk and Affordability Assessment for public water systems, expansion of the list of water systems included in the Risk Assessment, a new combined methodology for the Risk Assessment for State Small Water Systems and Domestic Wells, and provide an overview of a cost estimate for Senate Bill 552 requirements.

AGENDA

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Overview of Needs Assessment
2. Propose changes for 2022 Risk Assessment and Affordability Assessment
3. Propose a new combined methodology for the Risk Assessment for State Small Water Systems and Domestic Wells
4. An overview of a cost estimate for Senate Bills 552 requirements
5. Public Feedback

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please register for the webinar to receive the participation link for discussion. Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided via email.

SAFER: 2022 Drinking Water Needs Assessment webinar registration page:
https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R1GIQpWUSDWs3r9ptpYqOA

FUTURE NOTICES


The State Water Board will hold the public webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices, including any changes to this notice of public webinars, must sign up for the e-mail distribution list using the [subscription form](#) select the box for 'SAFER Drinking Water' (located within the section entitled 'General Interests'), and provide the required information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to DDW-SAFER-NAU@Waterboards.ca.gov

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Date



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