
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION FOR THE SECOND STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL EXPERT PANEL FOR THE IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public listening session for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) on Wednesday, December 17th, to gather input from the public and all interested parties that will be shared with the Panel members for their consideration of the [Panel charge questions](#), which ask the Panel to consider the approaches in the State Water Board [Order WQ 2018-0002](#), In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group (Eastern San Joaquin Water Quality Order) and State Water Board [Order WQ 2023-0081](#), In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order R3-2021-0040 (Central Coast Ag Water Quality Order).

A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but no decisions will be made.

This meeting will be held in person and virtually on:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
TRAINING ROOM 1 EAST AND WEST
JOE SERNA JR. - CALEPA BUILDING
1001 I STREET, SACRAMENTO
AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE**

To participate virtually via Zoom or by phone, registration is required in advance. If you prefer to call in, a phone number will be provided upon registration. Please register at:

https://csus.zoom.us/meeting/register/_DgpFMCZTOKMFSSXfy_DIQ

The meeting agenda will be accessible through the Water Board Agriculture – Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel website at [Expert Panel Website](#) on or before December 5th, 2025.

To receive email notifications about the Panel public listening session, including the agenda, any changes to the date, time, or meeting location in this public notice, subscribe to the email distribution list on the Water Board Agricultural Website. Enter

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your email address and password, then select the submit button. If this is your first time subscribing to a Water Boards email subscription list, you will have to register and create a password.

Participation Options

Oral comments will generally be limited to three minutes per speaker. If you would like to provide an oral comment, please email your name and a summary of your comment to DWQ-ILRP@waterboards.ca.gov by December 15, 2025. At the meeting, all commenters will be given an opportunity if time allows, however priority will be given to those who emailed requests to comment by December 15.

If you are interested in providing an extended public comment or presentation, please email your name, a summary of the content you wish to present, and the amount of time you request to DWQ-ILRP@waterboards.ca.gov by December 5, 2025. At the meeting, all commenters will be given an opportunity if time allows, however priority will be given to those who emailed requests to comment by December 3.

Language Services

This meeting will be offered in English and Spanish. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the meeting in additional languages, or sign language services, please use one of the following options as soon as possible and no later than December 3, ten (10) business days before the meeting:

- Submit an online request: bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Contact us to request information in your language.

Comuníquese con nosotros para solicitar servicios lingüísticos o información en su idioma.

Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы запросить информацию на вашем языке.

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Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

Accessibility

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 a reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should email contact@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5254, at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. Learn more about accessibility within Zoom at www.zoom.com/en/accessibility.

Building and Parking Information

- The meetings will be held at the Joe Serna Jr. the CalEPA Building. Directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.
- Visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance on 10th Street.
- Please allow 5 to 10 minutes to receive security clearance.

Background

Water quality impacts associated with agriculture are complex and addressing them requires pooling and focusing the knowledge, expertise, and resources of all interested parties, including growers and their representatives, regulatory agencies, environmental advocates, environmental justice communities, and Tribes and Tribal communities. The State Water Board and the regional water quality control boards (collectively, Water Boards) must develop and implement a long-term sustainable Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) that protects the quality of waters of the state while supporting the viability of agriculture. With the help of our partners, the Water Boards made substantial progress in defining a science-based approach that provides a solid foundation for our next steps

As described on the [Expert Panel website](#), the Water Boards convened the Panel to evaluate the data collected as part of the ILRP and consider the approaches adopted in the Eastern San Joaquin Water Quality Order and the Central Coast Ag Water Quality Order. State Water Board contracted with Sacramento State University College of Continuing Education to convene the Panel to provide recommendations for the ILRP.

A two-day Panel kick-off meeting was held in August 2025. The two-day meeting provided the Panel with an ILRP overview, perspectives from agricultural representatives and non-governmental organizations, presentations on Indigenous land stewardship and food systems, and available data sources from the Water Boards, approved third-party agricultural representatives, and environmental justice organizations.

The first Public Listening Session was held on October 1, 2025. This session was to gather input from all interested parties for the Panel's consideration of the Panel charge questions.

The second Plenary Panel meeting was held on October 31, 2025, to receive presentations for the Panel's consideration, and for the Panel to discuss initial recommendations in response to the Panel charge questions.

Working Group Meetings were held on October 13, October 22, November 14, and November 19, 2025. Working Group Meetings are to facilitate Panel deliberations on issues relevant to the Panel charge questions.

There will be one additional Plenary Panel Meeting in 2026. There will be additional Working Group Meetings held on December 5, December 12, and January 7. It is anticipated that the Panel will develop a report with recommendations to be presented to the State Water Board responding to the Panel charge questions in 2026.

Additional Information

Please direct all questions regarding this notice to Water Board ILRP at DWQ-ILRP@Waterboards.ca.gov. For additional information check the [Expert Panel website](#).

November 21, 2025
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board