

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, October 1 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 adopted 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 Petition 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 No. R3-2021-0040 (Central Coast Ag Petition Order).

A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but no decisions will be made. A quorum of the Panel members may be present in person or virtually, but no decisions will be made.

This meeting will be held in person and virtually on:

**Wednesday, October 1, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
GEI Consultants, Inc. Office Building
11010 White Rock Road, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
And via Video and Teleconference**

Due to logistical limitations of the in-person location, virtual participation will likely provide the most consistent and accessible experience for attendees. 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/j/91811520000>

The meeting agenda will be accessible through the Water Board Agriculture – Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/2025-expert-panel.html on or before September 19, 2025.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To receive an email notification about the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert 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 at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/. Enter 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 September 29, 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 September 29.

If you are interested in providing a data-focused presentation or additional detailed comments, 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 September 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 September 29.

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 September 17, 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 meeting will be held at GEI Consultants Inc. Complimentary parking is available in the lot located outside the building at the meeting location.

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, and environmental justice 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. Collectively, with the help of our partners, the Water Boards made substantial progress in defining a science-based approach that we believe provides a solid foundation for our next steps. Due to the complexity of the impacts of agriculture on water quality, the ILRP is constantly evolving.

As described on the [Program Website](#), the Water Boards convened a Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) to evaluate the data collected as part of the State's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Programs and consider the approaches adopted in the Eastern San Joaquin Petition Order and the Central Coast Ag Petition 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, and the meeting recordings are available for Day 1 ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and Day 2 ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)). The two-day meeting provided the Panel with an overview of the ILRP, perspectives from agricultural representatives and non-governmental organizations, and presentations on Indigenous land stewardship and food systems, available data sources from the Water Boards, approved third-party agricultural representatives, and environmental justice organizations.

There will be two additional public Panel Meetings, one in October 2025 and another in January 2026. There will be one additional public listening session for extensive public comment to be scheduled between the remaining public Panel Meetings in Fall/Winter 2025. 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 Panel webpage at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/2025-expert-panel.html.

September 8, 2025

Date



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Clerk to the Board