



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group will hold an onboarding meeting. A quorum of State Water Resources Control Board members may be present, but no action will be taken. This meeting will occur virtually, and all SAFER Advisory Group members will be joining virtually. There will be a physical and a remote meeting location for the public to participate.

SAFER Drinking Water Program: Advisory Group Onboarding Meeting

February 12, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

To watch and participate in the meeting, register at
<https://bit.ly/2026Onboarding>

OR

IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

CalEPA Headquarters Building

Training Room 2 East and West, Second Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

PURPOSE

This meeting will bring together the newly appointed and reappointed SAFER Advisory Group members to discuss items on the following agenda. Items on this agenda are numbered for identification purposes only; the SAFER Advisory Group may consider the items out of the listed order.

AGENDA

- I. Water Boards Overview
- II. SAFER Drinking Water Program Overview
- III. SAFER Advisory Group Overview
- IV. Collaboration Session
- V. Public Comment

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

MEETING LOGISTICS

- To comment on an agenda item, see the Public Comment section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SAFER Advisory Group meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are provided with an opportunity to comment on agenda items, in person, by email, by telephone or via the remote meeting platform (Zoom). Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

To speak on an agenda item, please send an email to safers@waterboards.ca.gov with the following information:

1. In the email subject line, write “**SAFER Advisory Group Meeting Comment**”
2. In the body of the email, please include the following:
 - a. Your name (you may choose to remain anonymous or use a pseudonym)
 - b. Who you represent (self, another person, an organization, etc.)
 - c. The agenda item number or topic you wish to speak on
 - d. If you would like to share your comment verbally
 - e. If you would have staff read your comment out loud.
 - f. The last three digits of the phone number you will be calling from (used only for identifying who will be speaking on an agenda item)

The meeting coordinator will respond to your email with instructions.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the meeting, or sign language services please use one of the following options at least ten (10) business days before the meeting, if possible, by January 29, 2026.

- 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.

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting details and materials will be available online at SAFER Calendar website: waterboards.ca.gov/safer/calendar.

BACKGROUND

This meeting is part of the State Water Board's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) drinking water program, generally referred to as SAFER.

The SAFER drinking water program is designed to ensure Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible. The SAFER drinking water program is helping water systems achieve this goal through a set of tools, funding sources, regulatory authorities, and community outreach and education.

The SAFER Advisory Group is a consultative body that advises the Board on the SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan, and other key analyses and policies as needed. The SAFER Advisory Group does not make decisions or come to consensus on discussion topics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about this notice, email safers@waterboards.ca.gov.

To learn more about the SAFER Drinking Water program, visit waterboards.ca.gov/safer.

February 3, 2026

Date

Courtney Tyler
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Clerk to the Board