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State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

These meetings will occur via <u>remote presence only</u> as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing.

Notice of SAFER Advisory Group Meeting
and
Notice of SAFER Question and Answer Webinar

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SAFER Advisory Group (Advisory Group) will meet on **December 10, 2020** from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. A quorum of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) members may be present, but no action will be taken:

SAFER Advisory Group Meeting
December 10, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Event Link: http://bit.ly/SAFERAGM6

<u>Remote Participation Only</u>

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 comment.

If you wish to comment on an agenda item: Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting platform is available in the public comment section of this notice (below).

AGENDA
Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only; the Advisory Group may consider these items out of their listed order.

1. Reviewing 2020 Progress and Accomplishments
2. Reviewing 2021 Timeline and Milestones
3. Announcing Appointed 2021-23 Advisory Group members
4. Advisory Group Members share their Project Stories

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING MATERIALS
Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at waterboards.ca.gov/safer/advisory_group.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Advisory Group meetings are open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on agenda items via videoconference or telephonically.

Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes. To speak on an agenda item, please complete the following instructions by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Advisory Group meeting:

- Send an email to safer@waterboards.ca.gov.
- In the subject line, indicate "**AGM6** Speaker Comment".
- In the body of the email, include the following:
    - Your name
    - Who you represent (i.e., self, another person, an organization)
    - The agenda item number and topic you wish to speak on
    - If you definitely want to speak or if you are unsure and will decide during the item if you want to speak
    - The last three digits of the phone number you will be calling from.

The Meeting Coordinator will respond to your email with instructions.

LANGUAGE SERVICES
Spanish language interpretation will be available at the meeting. If you require Spanish- language interpretation please RSVP to safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

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.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will hold a SAFER Question and Answer Webinar on **December 10, 2020.** A quorum of Board members may be present, but no action will be taken. A quorum of Advisory Group members will be present, but no action will be taken:

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SAFER Question and Answer Webinar
December 10, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
<u>Remote Participation Only</u>

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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 comment.

To participate in the Zoom webinar, clicking here: <u>http://bit.ly/Q_A4</u>

If you would like to submit a question or comment, please send an email to: safer@waterboards.ca.gov.
- In the subject line, indicate "SAFER QA4".
- In the body of the email, include the following:
    - Your name
    - Who you represent (i.e., self, another person, an organization)
    - Your question or comment
    - If you definitely want to speak or if you are unsure and will decide during the item if you want to speak
    - The last three digits of the phone number you will be calling from.

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ACCESSIBILITY
Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

BACKGROUND
The SAFER (Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience) program is a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as quickly as possible. SAFER funds, including the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (Fund), will help water systems provide safe, accessible, and affordable supplies of drinking water to communities in both the short and long terms.

The Fund was created in 2019 to fund projects to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water (see Health and Safety Code section 116766). The Fund is administered by the State Water Board, which is required to develop and adopt a Fund Expenditure Plan each year and consult with the Advisory Group to aid in meeting the purposes of the Fund Expenditure Plan.

The Advisory Group is a consultative body that advises the Board on development of the Fund Expenditure Plan, and other key analyses and policies as needed. The Advisory Group is not authorized to approve any of these documents or make policy decisions respecting them. It is the role and sole prerogative of the Board to approve and adopt the Fund Expenditure Plan each year.

State Water Board Resolution No. 2019-0060 authorizes the Executive Director of the Board, or her designee, to perform all acts necessary or convenient to form the Advisory Group, including, but not limited to, the appointment of Advisory Group Members. For more information, please visit www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Direct questions regarding this notice to the Office of Public Participation at safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

November 4, 2020	_Jeanine Townsend_
Date	Jeanine Townsend
	Clerk to the Board