
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINARS

Remote Participation Only

SAFER: IDENTIFYING AT-RISK PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS – SELECTING RISK INDICATORS (Part 3)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to receive input from interested persons concerning the development of the Risk Assessment methodology for public water systems with 3,300 service connections or less. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present; however, no action will be taken.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020
IDENTIFYING AT-RISK PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS
SELECTING RISK INDICATORS
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PDT

Register at:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WDJtKssxRIaSRzFbi2vF0g

PURPOSE: This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about and contribute to the State Water Board's approach to developing a more robust Risk Assessment for public water systems that aligns with the goals of the Human Right to Water. The State Water Board will provide a timeline and vision for the development of Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment and beyond.

AGENDA

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only;

1. Overview of Needs Assessment and Risk Assessment
2. Results of Risk Indicator Evaluation and Recommendations on Selecting Final Risk Indicators

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.

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If you wish to discuss an agenda item: 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/safer/>

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.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

Spanish language interpretation can be provided for the webinar. 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.

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 (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 is leading the implementation of the Needs Assessment in coordination with the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA). The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) was contracted (agreement term: 09.01.2019 through 03.31.2021) to support the initial development of Needs Assessment methodologies for the Risk Assessment and Cost Assessment.

On [April 17, 2020](#) the State Water Board hosted its first webinar workshop on Identifying At-Risk Water Systems and Domestic Wells. Recommendations from the public lead to an expansion of risk indicator categories to be considered for the Risk Assessment 2.0.

On [July 22, 2020](#) the State Water Board hosted the second webinar in this series, soliciting public feedback and recommendations on potential risk indicators and an evaluation methodology to assess the applicability and fitness of the identified potential risk indicators for inclusion in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment.

Part 3 Webinar Series: IDENTIFYING AT-RISK PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS – SELECTING RISK INDICATORS

The State Water Board Division of Drinking Water Needs Analysis Unit, in partnership with the University of California, Los Angeles, is seeking stakeholder feedback and recommendations on a recommended set of risk indicators for inclusion in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment for public water systems. Version 1.0 of the Risk Assessment utilized 14 risk indicators. In response to public feedback, UCLA and the State Water Board [identified nearly 120 potential risk indicators](#) that may be used in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment to assess water quality, accessibility, affordability, and TMF (technical, managerial, and financial capacity). This effort includes risk indicators identified in complimentary efforts conducted by Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the Department of Water Resources.

The State Water Board and UCLA have utilized the Risk Indicator Evaluation Tool, summarized in the [July 2020 White Paper](#), to assess the applicability and fitness of the identified potential risk indicators for inclusion in Version 2.0 of the Risk Assessment. This webinar will provide an overview of the results of this evaluation and a recommended set of final Risk Assessment 2.0 risk indicators for public feedback and consideration.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Related documents and information are available on the State Water Board [SAFER website](#).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Due to ongoing circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency, all public participation will be remote via an online hosted platform. The presentation slides will be sent out ahead of time and shared via webcast. Questions, comments, and discussion items will be collected via the webinar.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please register for the webinar at:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WDJtKssxRlaSRzFbi2vF0g

Additional information about how to access the webinar will be provided via email.

FUTURE NOTICES

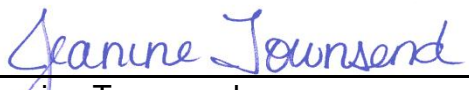
The State Water Board will hold the public webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices, including any changes to this notice of public webinars, 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 safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 30, 2020

Date



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