



State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, and as authorized by Government Code section 11133, this meeting will take place online only.

Public Notice of Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding Stakeholder Meeting

November 19, 2021 10:00am – 12:00pm bit.ly/3CHg3K7 Remote Participation Only

OVERVIEW

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) is seeking public input on an implementation plan for drinking water infrastructure funds appropriated in the 2021/22 State Budget.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This stakeholder meeting is intended to collect input on drinking water funding priorities from representatives of larger water systems¹. We have invited a group of specific stakeholders with experience related to drinking water infrastructure projects, and particularly drinking water consolidations, to engage in a facilitated discussion.

Members of the public are invited to listen to the discussion and ask questions.

Board staff will be prioritizing input and questions from the invited group of stakeholder representatives. There will be additional opportunities for public input at a public workshop and during a public comment period in the next few months.

MEETING LOGISTICS

You can join the meeting online using Zoom or by phone:

¹ Note that on November 18, 2021, Board staff will also be gathering input on the implementation plan for these funds from other organizations, primarily representing small disadvantaged communities, as part of the <u>Safe and Equitable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group Meeting</u>.

E. Joaquin Esquivel, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- To join online, use the following link: <u>bit.ly/3CHg3K7</u>.
- To join by phone, call 1 (669) 900-9128 and use meeting ID # 978 1779 9471.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least five business days before the meeting (by November 14) by contacting Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265.

SERVICIO DE INTERPRETACIÓN DE IDIOMAS

Para solicitar el servicio de interpretación de idiomas o en el lenguaje de señas, comuníquese a más tardar el 14 de noviembre con Marina Pérez al número telefónico (916) 322-4265.

BACKGROUND

The 2021/22 State Budget includes \$650 million for drinking water infrastructure projects. The funding will primarily be awarded through grants, must be designated for a specific use by June 30, 2024, and completely used by June 30, 2026. Consistent with the law, priority will be given to disadvantaged communities. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for technical assistance and capacity building in disadvantaged communities. The implementation plan is expected to go before the State Water Board for consideration in early 2022.

The 2021/22 State Budget includes additional allocations for wastewater infrastructure and other programs. Information about opportunities for public input on those programs will be shared in the future.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

If you would like to stay informed about future public meetings regarding this drinking infrastructure funding, please visit the State Water Board website to sign up for email updates. Under the Financial Assistance category, check the box titled Clean Water State Revolving Fund.