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## State Water Resources Control Board

February 28, 2025

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### OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

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Notice To: California Native American Tribes  
Re: Opportunity for Comments on Water Measurement and Reporting Regulation Revisions  
Comment Deadline: April 23, 2025  
Contact: [DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov)

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Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders:

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) respectfully invites California Native American tribes to submit comments and participate in the rulemaking process to revise the Water Measurement and Reporting regulations (also known as SB 88).

This letter includes information on the following topics:

- Regulation background and where to find more information
- Rulemaking timeline
- How to attend the public hearing and submit oral comments
- How to submit written comments
- State Water Board contact information

### Regulation Background

The State Water Board is proposing to revise the regulations for measuring and reporting surface water diversions. High quality, accurate water diversion data is essential for managing water supply throughout the state.

Proposed regulation revisions improve readability and refine key terms. The proposed revisions also require diverters to report data in a standardized format, provide an email address, identify measurement locations, and make other minor accompanying changes. The revisions are needed to align the regulation's requirements with the Board's new online water rights data system, California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS).

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A detailed explanation of the regulation, proposed revisions, and rulemaking process, as well as the regulatory documents, are available on the Water Measurement and Reporting Regulation Rulemaking webpage:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/diversion\\_use/rulemaking.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/diversion_use/rulemaking.html)

## Rulemaking Timeline

- Administrative Procedure Act (APA) Public Hearing: April 16, 2025
- Public and Tribal Comment Period: starts February 28<sup>th</sup> and closes at 5 pm on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
- Board Hearing for Adoption: anticipated summer 2025
- Regulation Revisions Effective: anticipated fall 2025

## Attending the Public Hearing and Providing Oral Comments

A public hearing will be held virtually on Zoom on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 10:00 am and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The hearing will include a Board staff presentation on the proposed revisions followed by an opportunity for public comments. Anyone wishing to provide oral comments must register and attend via Zoom.

To register to attend, use the QR code below or visit: <https://bit.ly/4ho7wAb>



*A quorum of the State Water Board may be present, but a decision will not be made and no action will be taken.*

The hearing will be webcast live at [video.calepa.ca.gov](https://video.calepa.ca.gov). Use the webcast link if you only wish to watch the hearing and not orally comment.

The hearing will be recorded and uploaded to the Board's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@BoardWebSupport>

## Submitting Written Comments

We respectfully request written comments be received by April 23, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Please email [DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line “Comment Letter – Water Measurement and Reporting Revisions” to submit written comments.

If you would like to mail written comments, please send them to:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Attn: Abbey Warner  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

## State Water Board Points of Contact

- Abbey Warner, Environmental Scientist, Division of Water Rights:  
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We value your Tribe’s input and would appreciate any comments you may have by April 23, 2025. If you prefer a discussion, we would be happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights