
State Water Resources Control Board

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE INFORMATION FOR AMADOR WATER AGENCY HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference for the Amador Water Agency Hearing via the Zoom online platform on **August 12, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** Participation is required for parties to the Amador Water Agency Hearing. Parties should use the Zoom link below and may join as early as 12:30 p.m. to test equipment prior to the event. For purposes of the Pre-Hearing Conference, parties also include persons or entities who have a pending request for designation as a party. All interested persons who are not parties to this hearing and do not wish to speak should view or listen to the Pre-Hearing Conference using the webcast link provided below.

Attendance

For Interested Persons and Members of the Public:

Interested persons, including members of the public, should watch or listen via webcast at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

If watching or listening via webcast is not feasible, you may call into the Zoom meeting using the following telephone number, meeting ID, and password:

Zoom Telephone Number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 952 7394 4582
Password: 568416

Please remember to keep your microphone muted if you are joining by Zoom.

For Parties:

Parties are encouraged to participate via both audio and video by joining the following Zoom meeting link:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/95273944582?pwd=RWFNeWR4MFp0Q3hCNU8wOXRBMWdXdz09>

If joining via video is not feasible, participation via audio alone is permissible. If you cannot or do not wish to connect to the audio portion of the Zoom meeting using a computer, you may call into the Zoom meeting using the telephone number, meeting ID, and password provided above.

If you want to use your phone to participate, but follow along with the video (e.g., because you do not have or do not want to use a computer microphone or camera), you

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can do so by connecting to the Zoom meeting through a computer or mobile device then selecting the option that you are participating in the audio portion by phone call. The Zoom service will give you a participant number that you can then enter on your phone.

All Zoom participants are requested to keep their microphones muted when not speaking.

If you are participating through the Zoom platform, please do not simultaneously view or listen to the webcast.

You will not need to install software on your computer to participate; the Zoom service can run within an existing web browser. However, downloading the Zoom software may provide a superior meeting experience. You can download the Zoom client at: <https://zoom.us/download>. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with Zoom's features, include muting and unmuting your microphone, prior to the meeting by visiting [Zoom's Help Center](#).

Pre-Hearing Conference Agenda

Each participating party will be requested to comment on:

1. Procedural and technological aspects of conducting a remote hearing and any concerns related to holding the hearing remotely.
2. Scheduled deadlines and hearing dates.
3. Any facts to which all parties have agreed to stipulate.
4. Any other procedural issue parties would like to discuss.

The Pre-Hearing Conference will not include discussion of substantive hearing issues unless the parties agree prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference to resolve a hearing issue by stipulation. If parties agree to resolve a hearing issue by stipulation, please notify staff by email at wr_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov no later than August 10, 2020.

Following the Pre-Hearing Conference, the hearing officer may issue a procedural ruling and the State Water Board may at its discretion modify the Notice of Public Hearing for this project in whole or in part.

A court reporter will be present to record the conference call electronically and prepare a transcript.

Contact Information

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact staff prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference.

If you experience technical issues that limit your participation during the Pre-Hearing Conference, please contact staff for assistance. Staff will attempt to correct any technical issues that arise as quickly as possible.

For assistance, contact staff by email at wr_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov.

Additional Information

For more information related to this hearing project, visit the [Amador Water Agency Hearing web page](#).

Guidelines for Orderly Participation via Zoom

Please review the following guidelines prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference:

- Remote meetings often lack the same visual and social cues available during public, in-person meetings. Please be respectful and patient so all participating parties can be fairly heard.
- Call into the meeting or video conference at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting to ensure you can resolve any technical issues before the meeting starts. You will initially be in a virtual waiting room and will be let into the meeting by a staff person.
- Please test your video and/or audio before the start of the meeting. At the bottom, left-hand side of the Zoom window is a microphone and a video camera symbol. If there is a red line across the symbols, your microphone is muted and video camera is turned off.
- Zoom has occasionally frozen up due to an influx of new users. At times, you may see a frozen screen for a moment or two. If this issue persists after a few minutes, please notify staff by email at wr_hearing.unit@waterboards.ca.gov and try calling into the meeting using the phone number provided instead.
- Please identify yourself each time you speak, particularly during discussions.
- Regardless of whether you participate via phone, computer, or mobile device, please participate from a quiet environment and speak slowly and clearly so that we can properly hear you. If you are using the internet to connect to the meeting, try to ensure that you have a good connection or strong signal.
- It is important to avoid creating acoustic feedback. Please remain on mute while others are speaking to minimize background noise and minimize the use of speakerphone while participating. If there are other devices near you that are tuned into the meeting, please make sure that the speaker volume of those devices is turned off when it is your turn to participate.
- The hearing officer will maintain decorum during the meeting and individuals who are disruptive may be removed from the remote meeting service or have their connection muted.
- Other participants will be able to see your name, and if you call in, other participants will see the last three digits of your phone number unless you have called in anonymously.