

MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



July 2022

UPCOMING ACWA REGULATORY EVENTS

ACWA QUARTERLY COMMITTEE FORUM

Register now for ACWA's upcoming [Quarterly Committee Forum](#). Meetings will be held virtually and include the Agriculture, Communications, Energy, Groundwater, Water Management and Water Quality committees. You must register separately for each committee meeting that you want to attend using the unique zoom links below.

July 26, 2022	July 27, 2022
• Energy Committee 9:30 – 11:30 am • Water Management Committee 12:00 – 2:00 pm • Groundwater Committee 2:30 – 4:30 pm	• Agriculture Committee 9:00 – 11:00 am • Water Quality Committee 12:00 – 2:00 pm • Communications Committee 2:30 – 4:30 pm

POLICY UPDATES

DROUGHT

Water Conservation Emergency Regulations

- On June 10, the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) [emergency regulation for urban water conservation](#) took effect. The emergency regulation implements Gov. Newsom's March 28 [Executive Order N-7-22](#) directing the State Water Board to require urban water suppliers to enact Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plans and ban the irrigation of "non-functional" turf for commercial, industrial and institutional sectors.

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Delta Watershed Curtailments

- On June 27, the State Water Board issued a [notice: Revised Draft Emergency Curtailment and Reporting Regulation](#) and the [Updated Water Unavailability Methodology](#) for the Delta Watershed. The emergency regulation, which first took effect on August 19, 2021, incorporates and relies upon the Board's updated Water Unavailability Methodology (methodology) to inform curtailment decisions as described in the emergency regulation, and is effective for up to one year unless re-adopted
 - Comments due July 8 by 12:00 pm
 - Consider adoption on July 20

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WATER MANAGEMENT

\$193 Million in Water Infrastructure and Resilience Grant Funding

- On June 9, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the [Grant Program Guidelines](#) and [Proposal Solicitation Package](#) for approximately \$193 million in grant funding to help local agencies advance water infrastructure and resilience projects. The funding is available through the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program, with \$25.5 million reserved for projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities.
 - First phase of applications due August 19
 - Second phase of applications due February 1, 2023

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Biological Goals for Lower San Joaquin River Flow Objectives

- On June 24, the State Water Board issued a [notice](#): Availability of Revised Draft Initial Biological Goals for Lower San Joaquin River Flow Objectives (Draft) for public comment and notice of a workshop. State Water Board staff are seeking input on biological goals that will contribute to meeting the overall goals for salmon populations, including the salmon doubling objective, and inform management of flow conditions to maintain viable native San Joaquin River fish populations migrating through the Delta.
 - [Technical Workshop](#) on July 18 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm
 - Comments due August 1 by 12:00 pm

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CII Water Conservation

- DWR will host a [CII Water Conservation Workshop](#) to get input from water use efficiency leaders in commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) on strategies for improving water conservation.
 - [Workshop](#) on July 19 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Racial Equity Action Plan

- On June 24, the State Water Board issued a [notice](#): Public Meetings Racial Equity Action Plan Workshop Series. The four-workshop series in July will allow stakeholder discussion to help inform the development of a draft Racial Equity Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan is intended to implement the State Water Board's [Resolution No. 2021-0050](#).
 - June 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm – Statewide (remote)
 - July 21 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm – Northern California (hybrid)
 - July 25 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm – Southern California (hybrid)
 - July 27 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm – Central California (hybrid)

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Six-Year Drought White Paper

- The California Water Commission (CWC) is expected to host its first panel to explore potential strategies for long-term management to protect communities and fish and wildlife in a [six-year drought](#), in accordance with Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3. In March, the CWC released a [work plan](#) for developing the strategies.
 - CWC Meeting on July 20 at 9:30 am

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California Water Plan Update 2023

- DWR has initiated the [California Water Plan Update 2023](#). Update 2023 will promote climate resilience across regions and water sectors with a statewide vision, clear goals, watershed planning framework and toolkit, and progress-tracking dashboard of indicators. DWR will host public workshops in July to inform Update 2023.
 - [July 11](#) from 10:00 – 4:00 pm – Climate Change
 - [July 21](#) from 10:00 – 1:00 pm – Equity in Water Management

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GROUNDWATER

Dry Well Susceptibility Tool

- On June 6, DWR released a [Dry Well Susceptibility Tool](#), an interactive mapping tool that identifies areas within California groundwater basins that may be vulnerable to future water supply shortages in drinking water wells. Users can zoom in on their area of interest down to the square mile scale. This tool is housed

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on the California's Groundwater Live web-based platform, which contains the latest information and data on groundwater conditions across the state.	
Dry Well Reporting System DWR has updated its Dry Well Reporting System, an online system for reporting incidents of household drinking water wells that have gone dry due to drought impacts. DWR encourages local agencies who are responding to drought to sign up in the system (send request to: sgmp@water.ca.gov) to receive notifications when a dry well is reported in their county.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
Groundwater Sustainability Plans – Revised Determinations In January, DWR released their initial assessments of the groundwater sustainability plans (GSP) for the critically overdrafted groundwater basins, approving eight and determining twelve to be incomplete. Basins that received incomplete determinations were given 180 days from the release date of the assessments to correct the deficiencies in their plans. Corrected plans are due back to DWR on July 20th or 27th, depending on the date the basin's determination was released. DWR is expected to make final determinations on those basins' GSPs by the end of this year.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
SAFE AND AFFORDABLE FUNDING FOR EQUITY AND RESILIENCE (SAFER)	
Drinking Water Capacity Development Strategy Update - The State Water Board issued a notice: Public Webinar on Drinking Water Capacity Development Strategy Update. The webinar will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and discuss proposed revisions to the state's Capacity Development Strategy for public drinking water systems, which is intended to incorporate the new SAFER program as a key element of the strategy. Webinar on July 7 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com 
WATER QUALITY	
Biostimulation, Cyanotoxin, and Biological Condition Provisions - On June 23, the State Water Board revised its notice: Public Staff Workshop on the Biostimulation, Cyanotoxin, and Biological Condition Provisions (Provisions). The Provisions would establish consistent statewide water quality standards to protect human health, recreation, dogs, cattle, and aquatic life from anthropogenic biostimulation, nutrients, and cyanotoxins in California's freshwater streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. - Workshop on July 14 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Drinking Water Treatment Operations and Maintenance Funding Program - On June 15, the State Water Board revised its notice: Opportunity for Public Workshop and Board Consideration of Draft Proposition 68 Groundwater – Drinking Water Treatment Operations and Maintenance Funding Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The State Water Board is proposing to implement the Draft Guidelines to distribute the uncommitted \$29.5 million to small disadvantaged communities' drinking water systems. Board Meeting on July 19 at 9:30 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
ENERGY	
Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives, FY 2022-23	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will host a public workshop to discuss Fiscal Year 2022-23 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives, including medium and heavy duty vehicles. Public Workshop on July 21 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Transmission Planning Process, 2022-2023 - The California Independent Service Operator (CAISO) will host a stakeholder meeting to provide an update on the 2022-2023 Transmission Planning Process. Each year, the CAISO conducts a transmission planning process to identify potential system limitations as well as opportunities for system reinforcements that improve reliability and efficiency. Stakeholder Meeting on July 6 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Zero- and Near-Zero-Carbon Fuel Production and Supply Funding Concepts - The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a public workshop to solicit stakeholder feedback on potential funding concepts related to zero- and near-zero-carbon fuel production and supply. During the workshop, CEC staff will present proposals for future funding projects. Public Workshop on July 14 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
RECENT ACWA COMMENT LETTERS Rulemaking R.20-08-020 Net Energy Metering, CPUC, 6/8/2022 Draft Regulation Language on Public Fleet Requirements, CARB, 6/23/2022	