



MONTHLY

REGULATORY ROUNDUP



AUGUST 2025

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION MONTH WEBINAR

ACWA will host an interactive presentation to provide an overview of the work we partner with our members on and the resources available to you as ACWA members on August 6 at 10:00 am. Topics covered include advocacy, governance, events, and communications. Register [here](#) to attend.

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 3 / Webinar / August 20 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#).

QUARTERLY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ACWA’s next Quarterly Policy Committee Meetings will be held virtually on August 13 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Register [here](#) to attend any or all of the meetings. The schedule includes:

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome & ACWA Updates
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Water Management Committee
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Groundwater Committee
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Water Quality Committee
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Agriculture Committee
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Energy Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

ACWA’s Federal Regulatory Issues chart is accessible [here](#).

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update - On July 24, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a Notice of Public Comment and Hearing on Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan). The revised draft updates include two regulatory pathways: the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program and the unimpaired flow approach for non-HRL Program parties. - Public hearing: September 8 and 9 at 9:00 am - Public comments due: September 10 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP
Delta Conveyance Project - On June 20, the State Water Board released a revised Notice of Board Meeting regarding the Department of Water Resources’ (DWR) pending petitions for change of water rights permits for the State Water Project. Policy statements portion of public hearing: August 12 at 9:00 am - Evidentiary portion of public hearing: August 13, 14, and 18 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

Fees: 2025 Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights - The State Water Board is holding a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss drinking water, water quality, and water rights fees. - Drinking Water: August 1 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Mitigation Banking Guidelines - On July 18, the Department of Fish and Wildlife released the Draft Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines clarify and incorporate all relevant documents and program guidance to implement Chapter 7.9 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code. Public comments due: September 3 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan On July 3, the State Water Board announced the conditional approval of the Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan (TMP) for 2025. The TMP describes how the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation plans to operate Shasta Reservoir for water temperatures on the Sacramento River.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Tribal Stewardship Policy - The California Natural Resources Agency released the Draft Tribal Stewardship Policy (Policy) and Toolkit for tribal consultation. The Policy supports collaborative stewardship efforts by enhancing tribal access and enabling collaboration of management of public lands and natural resources. and enabling collaboration of management of public lands and natural resources. Public comments due: September 12	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook - DWR anticipates releasing a 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook in the near future. To access DWR's WUE SharePoint, which includes DWR's proposed changes, email UWMPhelp@water.ca.gov. 2025 UWMPs due: July 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com 
Variances and Temporary Provisions - On July 17, the State Water Board released a new template for urban water retailers seeking to request variance and temporary provisions for urban water use objectives to comply with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation. The State Water Board will host two informational webinars. Informational webinar 1: August 11 at 2:00pm Informational webinar 2: August 12 at 10:00am - Variance and temporary provision requests due: October 1 - Urban Water Use Objectives due: January 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations On July 16, the State Water Board released a Notice of Document Availability for Proposed Adoption of Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations. The draft resolution includes revisions to California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapters 2 (Appropriation of	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 

Water), 2.7 (Water Diversion and Use), and 2.8 (Measuring and Monitoring). Board meeting to consider adoption: August 5 at 9:00 am	
Water Rights Reporting – CalWATRS - On May 27, the State Water Board announced a new water rights reporting system, the California Water Accounting Tracking and Reporting System (CalWATRS). The system will help the state manage water data better and streamline public access to information. - Early access to CalWATRS: July – September 2025 - Reports for the 2024-25 water year due: January 2026	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
AGRICULTURE	
Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook - On July 23, DWR released the Draft 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook (Guidebook). The Guidebook was prepared by DWR to help agricultural water suppliers prepare and submit Agricultural Water Management Plans. Public comments due: August 22 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
California Underserved and Small Producer Grant Program The California Underserved and Small Producer (CUSP) Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, provides technical and financial assistance to small- and medium-scale agricultural producers that are socially disadvantaged or affected by drought and severe weather events. Direct relief grants are available on a rolling basis.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel - On July 17, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Meeting for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). The first meeting will establish Panel leadership and provide an overview of ILRP. The second meeting will discuss data collected as part of the State's ILRP and consider approaches to future implementation. - First meeting: August 8 at 10:00 am - Second meeting: August 14 at 10:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
PRIORITY Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices - On July 24, DWR released the draft Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document for public comment. The document aims to help local water agencies address the growing concerns over land subsidence and support groundwater reliant communities. Public comments due: September 22 - Anticipated Final BMP release: Late 2025	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin On February 20, the State Water Board held a public hearing to consider a probationary designation for the Kern County Subbasin. State Water Board members decided to continue the hearing in September and requested that the subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA)	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com

provide revised draft groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). The GSAs submitted updated draft GSPs in June and the State Water Board is accepting public comment on the [Draft 2025 Amended Kern County GSPs](#).

- [Written comments](#) due: August 7 at 12:00 pm
- Public hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am

WATER QUALITY

Draft 2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan

- On July 3, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Workshop](#) for the [Draft 2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan](#) (Plan). The Plan highlights progress made since the 2020 Safe Drinking Water Plan, reviews drinking water regulations, the quality of drinking water, and water quality issues affecting water systems, and describes the goals of the 2025 Plan.
 - [Written comments](#) due: August 29 at 12:00 pm

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PRIORITY Proposed Revised Notification and Response Levels

- On July 3, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Proposed Revised Notification and/or Response Levels](#) for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS), Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS), and proposed notification and response level for Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA). The proposals and recommendations will be presented as informational items only.
 - Board meeting: August 6 at 9:00 am

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PRIORITY State Revolving Fund

- On May 30, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Consideration of Adoption](#) of the draft 2025-26 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP). The CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the CWSRF and its complementary funding for the state fiscal year.
 - Board adoption meeting: August 5 at 9:00 am
- On June 27, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Consideration of Adoption](#) of the draft 2025-26 Drinking Water SRF IUP (DWSRF IUP). The DWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the DWSRF and its complementary funding for the state fiscal year.
 - Board adoption meeting: August 19 at 9:00 am

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State Revolving Fund Environmental Package Requirements

- On April 9, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Webinars](#) relating to the Division of Financial Assistance's Funding Programs Environmental Package (EP) Guidance. The webinars will focus on the [EP requirements](#) for the CWSRF and DWSRF.
 - [Public webinar](#): August 14 at 1:00 pm

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation

- In March 2025, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) convened an [advisory committee](#) to develop

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recommendations regarding horizontal sliding and swinging gates. The advisory committee reviewed a [discussion draft](#) during their first meeting. The recommended regulations will then go through the formal rulemaking process.

- Anticipated revised draft of regulations: August 2025



ENERGY

Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

- On July 29, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released a [Notice of Public Hearing to consider Proposed Amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation](#) (ACF). The proposed amendments to ACF, pursuant to the directives of Assembly Bill 1594 (Garcia, 2023), seek to provide additional flexibilities for public agency utilities working towards ACF compliance.
 - [Written comments](#) due: September 15
 - Public hearing: September 25 at 9:00 am

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Truck Regulation Implementation Group

- On July 17, CARB [announced](#) registration for the Truck Regulation Implementation Group (TRIG) – Infrastructure Meeting 8. TRIG will inform truck drivers, fleets and dealers about publicly accessible heavy-duty charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure today.
 - [Virtual meeting](#): August 11 at 1:00 pm

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ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Draft IUPs for DWSRF FY 2025-26](#), State Water Board, July 25, 2025
- [Draft Guidelines for Recovery Planning](#), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, July 31, 2025

To receive a monthly email of Regulatory Roundup, please contact [Karla Cardenas](#). Regulatory Roundup is also available on ACWA's [website](#).



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