

MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



AUGUST 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA WEBINARS

- ACWA 101: Your Guide to Maximizing Membership / August 12 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#).
- ACWA Vision for Our Water Future Initiative Update / August 13 at 1:00 pm / Register [here](#).

ACWA QUARTERLY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ACWA's next Quarterly Policy Committee Meetings will be held virtually on August 20 from 9:00 am – 4:00 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 – 10:30 AM	Water Management Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Groundwater Committee
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Water Quality Committee
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Agriculture Committee
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Energy Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

PROPOSITION 4 IMPLEMENTATION TRACKER

State agencies are in the process of drafting guidelines for Proposition 4 funding allocations. ACWA is maintaining a Proposition 4 Implementation Tracker for informational purposes. The tracker is accessible [here](#).

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WATER MANAGEMENT

Clean Water State Revolving Fund: Intended Use Plan

- On July 7, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the [State Fiscal Year \(SFY\) 2026-27 Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\) Intended Use Plan \(IUP\) with Supplemental IUP for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Emerging Contaminants \(EC\), and Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Act of 2024 and Propositions 1, 68, and 4](#). The IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the CWSRF and the types of projects eligible for financing.

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Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines

- On July 17, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) released an update to the [2026 Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines](#). The update requires bank sponsors to include a cover sheet with their bank agreement package that addresses CDFW's previous comments included in the bank prospectus acceptability letter.

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Delta Conveyance Project - On July 1, the State Water Board announced a Twelfth Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling. The hearing will gather evidence that the State Water Board will consider to determine whether to approve change petitions filed by Department of Water Resources (DWR) to add two new points of diversion and redirection for the State Water Project. - Public hearings: August 20, 21, 24, 31 at 9:00 am - On July 24, the State Water Board released a Notice of Special Meetings In Closed Session. At the closed session meetings, the State Water Board will discuss the change petitions filed by DWR. - Closed session meetings: August 5, 17, 27 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Intended Use Plan - On June 23, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Board Workshop, and Board Consideration of the SFY 2026-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) IUP. The draft DWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the DWSRF and the types of projects eligible for financing. - Consideration to adopt: August 18 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Sites Reservoir - On July 24, the State Water Board released a Notice of Special Meetings In Closed Session. At the closed session meetings, the State Water Board will deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions regarding the various water rights and state-filed applications regarding Sites Reservoir. - Closed session meetings: August 5, 17, 24 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Tribal Beneficial Uses - On June 17, the State Water Board released a Notice of Board Workshop regarding the Draft Guidance on Designating Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBUs). The Draft Guidance does not create or change any legal requirements; instead, it aims to clarify the TBU designation process to support statewide consistency and transparency, facilitate designations, and strengthen partnerships with California Native American Tribes. - Written comments due: August 31	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Form - On July 20, the State Water Board released the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Form (form with Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) content/form without VBA content). Urban water retailers are required to submit their annual urban water use objectives and actual water use data to comply with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation. - Reporting form due: January 1, 2027	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com 
Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Action Plan - The California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force released the draft California Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Action Plan for 2026-2031 (draft action plan). The draft action plan focuses on science, data, and shared technology with the goal of connecting landscape resilience, community wildlife preparedness, and a framework for mobilizing regional action. - Written comments due: August 7	Staff Contact Kylie Wright kyliew@acwa.com 

AGRICULTURE

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

- On July 30, the State Water Board released the [Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel Report](#) (Report). The Report details the Panel's recommendations in response to the [Panel charge questions](#).

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Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability Funding

- The [Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability](#) is screening concept proposal applications for eligible organizations to serve as [Healthy Soils Program](#) and [State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program](#) block grant recipients.
 - Full proposal close: August 2026
 - Award notification: September 2026

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SAFE DRINKING WATER

SAFER Advisory Group

- The State Water Board's [Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Advisory Group](#) is accepting applications for the 2027-28 term. The SAFER program provides funding sources, regulatory authority, and community outreach to Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water. The SAFER Advisory Group provides recommendations to the State Water Board on the SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan.
 - [Application due](#): August 31

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WATER QUALITY

2030 California Integrated Report

- On April 10, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information for the 2030 California Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 303\(d\) and 305\(b\)](#) (report). Data and information received will be used in the report, which assesses overall surface water quality conditions and identifies waters of the United States that do not or are not expected to meet water quality standards.
 - Submissions due: August 10 at 12:00 pm

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Draft Small MS4 Permit

- On July 8, the State Water Board issued a [Revised Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for Draft Small MS4 Stormwater Permit](#). The [Draft Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems permit](#) (Draft Small MS4 Permit) will be a reissuance of the existing 2013 NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, which regulates the discharge of stormwater from traditional and non-traditional small municipalities.
 - Public meeting: August 19 at 9:00 am
 - Public comments due: September 2 at 12:00 pm

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Proposition 4 Stormwater Grant Program - On July 17, the State Water Board released the Revised Notice of Public Release, Board Workshop and Board Meeting: Proposition 4 Stormwater Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines establish the process and criteria that the State Water Board will use to solicit, evaluate, and select applications, and award grants for multi-benefit urban stormwater management projects. - Public comments due: August 24 at 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
State Revolving Fund Environmental Package Requirements - On December 29, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Webinars relating to Funding Programs Environmental Package (EP) Guidance. The webinars will focus on the EP requirements for the State Water Board's funding programs, including the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF and DWSRF). Public webinar: August 13 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
State Water Quality Control Plans - On July 3, the State Water Board issued the Notice of Document Availability and Opportunity to Comment and Notice of Board Hearing for the Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality Control (Review of State Plans and Policies). The State Water Board has released a Draft Staff Report and Workplan for the Review of State Plans and Policies, which aims to assess the adequacy of state water quality plans, policies, and other standards. - Public hearing: August 18 - Public comments due: September 1 at 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
PRIORITY Golden Mussels Regulation - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has initiated a rulemaking pertaining to invasive mussels (rulemaking). The rulemaking will make changes to California Code of Regulations § 650, 672, 672.1, and 672.2 to address golden mussels and implement AB 149 (2025). The rulemaking will also include new regulatory language related to a statewide framework for inspections and decontamination of watercraft. Written comment due: August 18 Public hearing: August 18 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Sophie Morin sophiem@acwa.com 
ENERGY	
PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation - On July 30, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) submitted proposed amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation (ACF) to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review prior to enactment, and released its Final Statement of Reasons associated with the ACF amendments. OAL has until September 11 to make a decision on accepting or denying CARB's amendments to ACF. - OAL Deadline to accept CARB Amendments: September 11	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
California Energy Resource and Reliability Outlook On July 1, the California Energy Commission released the 2026 California Energy Resource and Reliability Outlook (CERRO). The CERRO is a statewide	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

assessment of electric, fossil gas, and petroleum resource planning and reliability for the period of 2026-2030.

Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program

- On July 22, CARB announced a public working group meeting on the [Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project \(HVIP\) Implementation Manual and the FY 2026-2027 Long-Term Heavy-Duty Investment Strategy](#). The Long-Term Heavy-Duty Investment Strategy provides a three-year roadmap for clean transportation incentives. At the working group meeting, CARB will present the HVIP Implementation Manual and discuss implementation.
 - [Public working group meeting](#): August 19 at 1:00 pm

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ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance — Docket ID No. OMB-2026-0034](#), United States Office of Management and Budget, July 13, 2026
- [Extending the Compliance Deadline for PFOA and PFOS Maximum Contaminant Levels](#), United States Environmental Protection Agency, July 20, 2026
- [Recission of Regulatory Determinations and Removal of Related Provisions for Four PFAS Substances](#), United States Environmental Protection Agency, July 20, 2026
- [Draft Fiscal Year 2026-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan](#), State Water Board, July 22, 2026
- [Update of Procedures for Implementing National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing Environmental Effects of Abroad of EPA Actions](#), United States Environmental Protection Agency, July 27, 2026

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