



MONTHLY

REGULATORY ROUNDUP



DECEMBER 2025

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA/CAPIO INFORMATIVE WEBINAR

ACWA, in partnership with the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO), will host a webinar on December 10 at 11:00 AM to learn how to build authentic, inclusive messages that reflect the richness of Spanish-speaking communities. Register [here](#).

ACWA FALL 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Fall 2025 Conference and Exhibition in San Diego from December 2-4. ACWA Policy Committee meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, December 2 (preliminary schedule below). Registration is required to attend Fall Conference, including the Policy Committee meetings.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Groundwater Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Water Management Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Energy Committee
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Agriculture Committee
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Local Government Committee
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Water Quality Committee
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Federal Affairs Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan – Sacramento/ Delta Update On September 16, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a Rescinded Notice of the Second Revised Notice of Public Comment and Hearing on Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San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 State Water Board is anticipating a limited recirculation of the draft Staff Report, originally released in fall 2023, and an updated draft Bay-Delta Plan in December 2025. New dates for a public hearing and comment period will be announced upon release.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Delta Conveyance Project - On November 24, the State Water Board announced a Notice of Special Meeting in Closed Session. The State Water Board may meet to deliberate on procedural and substantive decisions related to the water right petition filed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to add two new points of diversion and redirection for the State Water Project. - Board meeting: December 16 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Tribal Stewardship Policy	Staff Contact

- The California Natural Resources Agency released the Revised 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. Virtual listening session: December 17 at 2:00 pm - Public comments due: January 9	Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook - On November 17, DWR announced a 15-day Public Comment Period on the Public Review Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook. UWMPs are prepared by urban water suppliers every five years. These plans support the suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. Written comments due: December 2 at 5:00 pm 2025 UWMPs due: July 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com 
Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Forms - On September 29, the State Water Board released the fiscal year 2024-2025 reporting form for urban water retailers to submit annual urban water use objectives and actual urban water use data to comply with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation. The State Water Board also released an updated guidance document. - Urban Water Use Objective Reporting due: January 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations - On November 24, the State Water Board released a Notice of Document Availability for Proposed Adoption of Water Measurement Regulation Revisions. The State Water Board will consider adopting revisions to the Diversion Measurement Regulation at their next board meeting. The proposed revisions would clarify requirements, standardize measurement data reporting, and align regulations with new water right reporting systems. - Board meeting: December 2 at 9:00 am - On November 25, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Webinars for organizations and agents to learn about the new California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS). The first and second webinar will focus on how organizations and water rights agents interact with CalWATRS, respectively. Public webinar #1: December 9 at 11:00 am Public webinar #2: December 9 at 1:30 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
AGRICULTURE	
Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel On November 10, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Working Group Meetings for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The meetings	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

will facilitate deliberations on issues relevant to the Panel charge questions.

- Public working group meetings: [December 5](#) and [12](#) at 3:00 pm

GROUNDWATER

Bulletin 118

- On October 20, DWR released a [draft update of Bulletin 118](#) for a 45-day public comment period. The draft update provides a comprehensive assessment of statewide groundwater conditions and incorporates information from annual groundwater sustainability agency reports, California's Groundwater Live, and other groundwater initiatives since 2020.
 - Public comments due: December 5
 - Anticipated final update release: Spring 2026

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Groundwater Stabilization Conveyance Study

- On November 24, DWR published a new assessment of water conveyance that examines the effects of land subsidence on San Joaquin Valley conveyance facilities. The [San Joaquin Valley Conveyance Study](#) evaluates the need for improved or expanded conveyance throughout the valley and support's California's Water Resilience Portfolio as directed by Governor Gavin Newsom's [Executive Order N-10-19](#).

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State Intervention: Kaweah Subbasin

- On October 13, the State Water Board released a [Staff Assessment](#) (Assessment) of the 2024 Amended [Kaweah Subbasin](#) groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). The Assessment determines that the GSPs were amended such that probationary designation of the Kaweah Subbasin is not necessary and recommends returning the Kaweah Subbasin to DWR's jurisdiction for continued evaluation.
 - Board meeting: December 2 at 9:00 am

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State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin

- On October 29, DWR opened a [public comment period](#) for [Kern County Subbasin's modified GSPs](#) submitted to DWR as required by SGMA.
 - Written comments due: January 8

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State Intervention: Tulare Lake Subbasin

- On October 31, the State Water Board announced its [extension of the deadline for reporting groundwater extractions in the Tulare Lake Subbasin](#). Information about actions related to Tulare Lake Subbasin's probationary designation and the new extraction reporting period and report submittal deadline can be found [here](#).

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WATER QUALITY

PRIORITY

Proposed General Order – Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

- On November 20, the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division), released a [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment Proposed General Order DW 2025-00-XX-DDW](#) (Order). The [Draft General Order](#) proposes required monitoring and reporting with the per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) National Primary Drinking Water

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Regulation for initial public water systems monitoring and to establish monitoring and reporting requirements for additional PFAS contaminants in preparation for future California-specific PFAS regulations. The Division anticipates issuing a final Order in late 2025.

- Public comments due: December 4 at 12:00 pm

ENERGY

Annual Zero Emission Vehicle Credits Disclosure

- On November 17, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released their [Annual Zero-Emission Vehicle \(ZEV\) Credits Disclosure](#) which includes regulation information, credits earned, credit balances, and credit transfers for model year 2024 ZEVs. ZEV regulation remains critically important in meeting California's health-based air quality standards and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

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Clean Transportation Program Investment Update

- The California Energy Commission will consider adoption of the [Clean Transportation Program Investment Update](#), which includes funding for both light duty and medium-and-heavy duty ZEV charging infrastructure, at the next business meeting.
- [Business Meeting](#): December 8 at 10:00 am

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ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Draft TVA Scientific Basis Report](#), State Water Resources Control Board, November 6, 2025
- [Call for Contributions in Support of Study on New Models and Approaches to Complement or Replace the Wildfire Fund](#), California Earthquake Authority, November 3, 2025
- [Comments on OEHHA's First Public Review Draft Proposed Public Health Goal for 1,4-Dioxane in Drinking Water](#), Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, November 25, 2025

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