



MONTHLY

REGULATORY ROUNDUP



FEBRUARY 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM

ACWA will host its 2026 Legislative Symposium on February 11 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm in Sacramento. Register [here](#) to attend.

ACWA DC 2026 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its DC 2026 Conference February 24-26 in Washington DC. Space is limited - register [here](#) to attend.

ACWA QUARTERLY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ACWA’s next Quarterly Policy Committee Meetings will be held virtually on March 12 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](#).

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY

Bay-Delta Plan – Sacramento/ Delta Update

- On December 12, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a [Notice of Limited Recirculation and Notice of Availability and Opportunity for 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 \(Bay-Delta Plan\) and Supporting Draft Staff Report](#). The State Water Board held a public hearing in late January to discuss the revised draft Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan and Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report.
 - Written comments due: February 2

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Delta Conveyance Project

- On December 4, the State Water Board announced a [Ninth Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling](#). The purpose of the hearing is to gather evidence that the State Water Board will consider to determine whether to approve change petitions filed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to add two new points of diversion and redirection for the State Water Project.

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Public hearings: February 20, 23, 24, 25, March 2, 5, and 6 at 9:00 am	
Electronic Annual Reporting - On January 20, the State Water Board announced the availability of the reporting year (RY) 2025 electronic Annual Report (eAR). All public water systems are required to complete an eAR under the January 2025 Technical Reporting Order. The RY 2025 reporter excel worksheet is now available. - RY 2025 due: April 1 Reporter excel worksheet	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Fees: 2026 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. - Water Quality: March 5 at 9:00 am - Water Rights: March 5 at 1:00 pm - Drinking Water: March 6 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Indoor Residential Water Use - A study is currently being developed by a multi-university team to evaluate indoor residential water use and quantify impacts of lower indoor residential water use. To inform the study, the University of California Institute for Water Resources is conducting and circulating three surveys specific to collection systems, treatment facilities, and water reuse/recycle facilities. Working group public meeting: February 2 - Survey deadline: February 28	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Leak Data Registry On December 15, the State Water Board released the Leak Registry Data Specifications Version 2.0 which finalizes the data standards required for the upcoming statewide leak registry. Systems must begin collecting all required information for repaired leaks starting July 1.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations - On December 2, the State Water Board adopted Revisions to Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations that clarify requirements, standardize measurement data reporting, and align regulations with new water right reporting systems. Chapters 2 and 2.7 of Title 23 are now in effect. Chapter 2.8 expected effective date: October 1	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Water Recycling Proposition 4 Funding On January 21, the State Water Board adopted Emergency Regulations to administer the \$150 million of Proposition 4 funds appropriated by the Budget Act of 2025 for water recycling funding.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel On January 23, 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 meeting: February 11 at 3:00 pm	
GROUNDWATER	
PRIORITY Final Land Subsidence Best Management Practices • On January 21, DWR released the Final Land Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document. The document aims to help local water agencies address the growing concerns over land subsidence and support groundwater reliant communities.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
State Intervention: Kaweah Subbasin • On December 2, the State Water Board approved a resolution to return the Kaweah Groundwater Subbasin (Subbasin) to DWR's jurisdiction under SGMA. Following the State Water Board meeting, amended groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) were submitted to DWR for review of the Subbasin and a 75-day public comment period opened. ○ Public comments due: March 30	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin • On December 8, the State Water Board announced its decision to return the Kern County Subbasin to DWR under SGMA.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
WATER QUALITY	
Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook • On January 16, the State Water Board announced Proposed Changes to the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH). The State Water Board is proposing changes to the CCCPH in regards to accreditation of certifying organizations and backflow prevention at existing auxiliary water supplies. ○ Written comments due: February 19 ○ Verbal comments: February 19 at 2:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Impacts of Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (2023) Report • On January 5, the State Water Board published the Impacts of United States Supreme Court's Decision in Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (2023) 598 U.S. 651 (Report). The Report addresses the <i>Sackett</i> ruling and its alteration of the regulatory landscape for water quality protection in California.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System • On January 9, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Approval of an Amendment to the Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Biological Pesticides and Residual Chemical Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Applications (Proposed Amendment). The Proposed Amendment is to revise the list of approved entities granted a categorical exception to include Casitas Municipal Water District. ○ Public comments due: February 10 at 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
State Revolving Fund	Staff Contact Nick Blair

On January 16, the State Water Board updated the 2026-26 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (DWSRF IUP) Fundable List of Projects (List). The updated List includes all projects that the State Water Board may approve for funding.	nickb@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: February 12 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Surface Water Quality Assessment - On January 23, the State Water Board released the First Revised Proposed Final Staff Report on the 2026 California Integrated Report – Surface Water Quality Assessments to Comply with Clean Water Act Sections 303(d) and 305(b) (Report). The Report identifies waters of the United States that do not or are not expected to meet water quality standards by the next listing cycle and are submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for prioritization and approval. - Board adoption meeting: February 3 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Quality Management Planning Grant - On January 20, the State Water Board announced a Solicitation for Clean Water Act Section 205(J) Water Quality Planning Project Proposals. The grants are intended to support water quality planning and assessment activities that identify plans, data, and analyses needed for water quality problems. - Funding applications due: February 20	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
ENERGY	
Bioenergy Feed-In Tarriff Program The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Bioenergy Feed-In Tarriff Program (BioMAT) expired on December 31, 2025. CPUC withdrew the Proposed Decision (PD) to formally end BioMAT from the January 15 Voting Meeting, and has not yet re-scheduled the PD to be heard at a future meeting.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
California Energy Demand Forecast On January 21, the California Energy Commission (CEC) adopted the California Energy Demand Forecast 2025-2045 (IEPR forecast). The IEPR forecast provides electricity and gas demand forecasts for California and serves as key input for planning and procurement efforts, including transmission and distribution system planning, and resource adequacy assessments.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Carl Moyer Program Guidelines On February 26, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will host its first workshop to update the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines. The Carl Moyer Program provides grants that fund up to the incremental cost of cleaner-than-required engines, whether equipment or vehicles, and	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

emission reduction technology. The projects, except for infrastructure projects, must yield emission reductions above and beyond, or before, what is required by regulation and are constrained by cost-effectiveness limits for projects meeting the required emission standard, an optional advanced technology standard, or a zero-emission standard. Public Workshop: February 26 at 1:30pm	
Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project On December 16, CARB re-opened the Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project for voucher request applications following updates to the FY 2024-25 Implementation Manual that updated voucher eligibility and requirements.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Clean Transportation Program- Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grants - On January 7, CEC's Clean Transportation Program released Addendum 5 of Depot Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure for Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road Zero-Emission Vehicles (Addendum 5). Addendum 5 includes revisions to the solicitation manual for the grant solicitation for projects that will fund the deployment of depot charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty on-road zero-emission vehicles. - Applications due: March 20 at 11:59 pm - On January 7, the California Energy Commission's Clean Transportation Program also released Addendum 07 of Implementation of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Blueprints 2.0 (Addendum 7). The Addendum includes revisions to the solicitation manual for the Clean Transportation Program's grant solicitation for projects that will implement medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle charging or hydrogen refueling infrastructure projects. - Applications due: March 20 at 11:59 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
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