



MONTHLY

REGULATORY ROUNDUP



JULY 2025

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES’ TOWN HALL

ACWA will virtually host official candidates running for the positions of ACWA President and Vice President for the 2026 – ’27 term to share their candidate statements and participate in a moderated Q&A session with ACWA members. Members may submit their questions ahead of time at registration, or during the town hall. Register [here](#) to attend.

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

Delta Conveyance Project

- On June 20, the State Water Resources Control Board (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. The meeting will consist of an open session to hear evidentiary portions by interested persons.
 - Evidentiary portion of public hearing: August 12, 13, 14, 18 at 9:00 am

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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.
 - Water Quality: July 31 at 9:00 am
 - Water Rights: July 31 at 1:00 pm
 - Drinking Water: August 1 at 9:00 am

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Guidelines for Recovery Planning

- On May 29, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife released the draft [Guidelines for Recovery Planning](#), which is intended to guide the

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development of effective and actionable plans to recover California Endangered Species Act-listed threatened and endangered species. ○ Written comments due: July 31	
Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan • On June 25, the State Water Board announced the availability of the Final 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
Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook • DWR anticipates releasing a 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook. 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  WORKING GROUP
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations • On June 16, the State Water Board released a second 15-Day Notice of Publicly Available Changes to the Proposed Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations. The revised draft includes changes to California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapters 2 (Appropriation of Water), 2.7 (Water Diversion and Use), and 2.8 (Measuring and Monitoring). The State Water Board is only accepting comments on the additional changes to the proposed regulatory text. ○ Written comments due: July 1 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP
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  WORKING GROUP
AGRICULTURE	
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
Pesticide Use Near Schools • On May 30, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) released proposed regulations to increase transparency on pesticide use and ensure compliance with existing restrictions on agricultural pesticide use near schools and child care facilities. ○ Written comments due: July 14	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	

Groundwater Protection List - On May 16, DPR announced an Extension of Written Comment Period concerning the groundwater protection list in the California Regulatory Notice Register. This action would update the list of pesticides that have the potential to pollute groundwater and remove pesticides unlikely to pollute groundwater, among other changes. Written comments due: July 15	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin On June 3, the State Water Board approved a Resolution to return the Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin back to DWR's jurisdiction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), following revisions to local GSPs.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
PRIORITY 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. Board members decided to continue the hearing in September and requested that the subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) 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. There will be an additional opportunity for public comment at the continued hearing. Written comments due: August 7 at 12:00 pm - Public hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
WATER QUALITY	
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. - Public meeting: July 15 at 9:00 am - Written comments due: July 28 at 12:00 pm - Board adoption meeting: August 19 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Wastewater Needs Assessment On April 10, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Meeting for the next three quarterly Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group meetings. At the meetings, the WWNA Advisory Group will provide information on addressing water-related sanitation system needs.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

- Advisory Group [meeting](#): July 25 at 9:30 am

ENERGY

PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation On June 12, Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order reaffirming California's commitment to zero emission vehicles, including the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets regulation as currently codified and regardless of status under federal law, in response to the Trump administration signing measures to phase out gas-powered cars and clean up diesel trucks. California Attorney General also filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration measures to mount California's defense of setting ambitious clean air standards and policies towards zero-emission vehicles.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Advanced Clean Truck Regulation - On May 27, CARB announced a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation and the Zero-Emission Powertrain Certification test procedure. The ACT regulation establishes more stringent emissions standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and requires medium- and heavy-duty manufacturers to produce and sell an increasing portion of their annual sales as vehicles that emit no exhaust emissions of criteria pollutants or greenhouse gas emissions. ○ Public hearing: July 24 at 10:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Fast Track 2025 Vehicle Charging Incentives - On May 13, the California Energy Commission (CEC) opened applications for the Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Fast Track 2025 funding lane. The funding lane offers incentives for electric vehicle charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure to support medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle deployment. Information about eligibility criteria is accessible here. ○ Fast track 2025 applications due: July 15 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Load Management Standard On June 25, CEC hosted a workshop to solicit comments on California's progress in improving load flexibility resources and the strategies to achieve 7 gigawatt load-shift by 2030. The workshop provided an opportunity to inform load flexibility implementation as required by SB 846 (Dodd, 2022).	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

ACWA COMMENT AND COALITION LETTERS

- [Updated Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations](#), State Water Board, June 6, 2025

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