

MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



JULY 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 9 / July 17 at 10:00 am / Registration capacity has been reached, but interested attendees can be added to a waitlist by clicking [here](#).

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 April 27, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released a [Notice of Public Release, Board Workshop, and Board Meeting on 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 [draft CWSRF IUP](#) outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the CWSRF and the types of projects eligible for financing.
 - Consideration to adopt: July 7 at 9:00 am

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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.
 - Board workshop: July 7 at 9:00 am
 - Written comments due July 23 by 12:00 pm
 - Consideration to adopt: August 18 at 9:00 am

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Fees: 2026 Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights

- The State Water Board will hold a series of [stakeholder meetings](#) to discuss drinking water, water quality, and water rights fees.
 - Water Quality: July 30 at 9:00 am
 - Water Rights: July 30 at 1:00 pm
 - Drinking Water & ELAP: July 31 at 9:00 am

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Indoor Water Use Working Group - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will host the third SB 1157 Indoor Water Use Working Group meeting to facilitate with conducting statewide studies on saturation end-use and in assessing the long-term effects of telework. Public working group meeting: July 13 at 1:00pm	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@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) (draft guidance). 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. - Public Workshop: July 22 at 9:00 am - Written comments due: August 31	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Urban Water Management Plans - Urban water suppliers that provide over 3,000 acre-feet of water annually or that serve more than 3,000 urban connections are required to submit Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) to DWR every five years. - Deadline to adopt and submit UWMPs for 2025: July 1	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 
Water Desalination Grant Program - On June 22, DWR held a Water Desalination Grant Program (grant program) Proposition 4 workshop. Proposition 4 allocates \$6.5 million for brackish desalination projects to enhance California's water and drought resilience. The application process is currently suspended. However, the grant program is in the process of developing draft guidelines to award funding. - Anticipated release of draft guidelines: Fall 2026	Staff Contact Sophie Morin sophiem@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program - On June 16, the State Water Board held an informational overview of the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel's (Panel) process for evaluating data collected as part of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and on the Panel's recommendations in response to the Panel charge questions. Anticipated release of final Panel Recommendations Report: July 21	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
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.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

- Full proposal close: August 2026
- Award notification: September 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates

- In June 2026, the Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB) released a [new Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates discussion draft](#) (draft). The OSHSB Advisory Committee will review the draft and consider a new section to address unmitigated occupational hazards presented by swinging doors.
 - Advisory Committee meeting to review draft: July 23 at 9:00 am

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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.
 - Data and information submissions due August 10 at 12:00 pm

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Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data

- On June 2, the State Water Board adopted [emergency regulations on the electronic reporting of drinking water quality data](#). The regulations will require public water systems to only use a laboratory that complies with electronic data reporting mandates, including the use of the California Laboratory Intake Portal. The rulemaking documents are accessible [here](#).
 - Anticipated submission to the Office of Administrative Law: TBD

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Emerging Contaminant Funding

- On June 3, the State Water Board [announced](#) the availability of EC funding with principal forgiveness. Funds will remain available through January 2031 and can fully or partially cover planning and construction projects that address contaminants including, among others, PFAS and manganese. Information about funding limits and how to apply is available [here](#).

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Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

- On June 11, the State Water Board held a [staff-led workshop](#) regarding a proposal for incorporating the federal [Lead and Copper Rule Improvements](#) (LCRI) into California regulations and an outline of the [policy handbook implementing AB 1096](#) (2025). AB 1096 was designed to enhance public transparency of lead sampling efforts in schools and child care facilities on top of LCRI requirements.

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Manganese Drinking Water Notification and Response Levels

- On June 2, the State Water Board issued a [revised drinking water notification and response level \(NL, RL\) for managanese](#). The [current NL and RL for manganese](#) are 0.05 milligrams per liter and 0.20 milligrams per liter. The NL and RL are non-regulatory health-based advisory levels for contaminants in drinking water without established maximim contaminant levels.

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Wastewater Needs Assessment - On January 12, the State Water Board released a Notice of Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group 2026 Quarterly Meetings. At the meetings, the WWNA Advisory Group will provide information on addressing water-related sanitation system needs. Advisory Group meeting: July 31 at 9:30 am	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
PRIORITY Golden Mussels Regulation The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is expected to initiate a rulemaking pertaining to golden mussels soon. The regulations will make changes to California Code of Regulations § 672, 672.1, and 672.2 to address golden mussels and implement AB 149 (2025). It is anticipated that the regulations will also include language related to a statewide framework for inspections and decontamination of watercraft.	Staff Contact Sophie Morin sophiem@acwa.com 
ENERGY	
- On June 23, the California Energy Commission held a staff workshop on the draft solicitation for the Proposition 4 Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Grant Program (draft solicitation). The draft solicitation is focused on supporting the deployment of new distributed energy resources to improve the reliability of California's electrical grid during extreme events. - Written comments due July 15 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations On June 11, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued a Public Notice and Comment Period for the Second Readoption of Emergency Amendment and Adoption of Vehicle Emissions Regulations (Emergency Vehicle Emissions regulations). If readopted, the Emergency Vehicle Emissions regulations, which are currently set to expire July 1, would remain effective and ensure that protective emission standards for vehicles and engines remain operative for an additional 90 days until September 30.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
ACWA COMMENT LETTERS	
U.S. EPA Draft Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List 6, United States Environmental Protection Agency, June 3, 2026 Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage/Carbon Dioxide Removal Program, CARB, June 4, 2026 Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Amendments/Additional 15-Day Changes, CARB, June 16, 2026 Control of Lead and Copper Regulation and AB 1096 Policy Handbook, State Water Board, June 17, 2026	
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