



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



MARCH 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

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](#).

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. ACWA's Proposition 4 tracker is accessible [here](#).

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WATER MANAGEMENT

Delta Conveyance Project

- On December 4, the State Water Board announced a [Ninth Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling](#). The hearing will gather evidence that the State Water Resources Control Board (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.
 - Public hearings: March 2, 5, and 6 at 9:00 am

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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](#)

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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

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- Water Rights: March 5 at 1:00 pm - Drinking Water: March 6 at 9:00 am	stephenp@acwa.com Nick Blair nickb@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
Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience Program - On February 13, DWR announced a survey to solicit input from interested parties to help inform development of the upcoming Proposition 4 Watershed Resilience Program (Program). The Program will administer \$152 million in grants for water conservation and improvements to climate resilience on a watershed basis. Public Input Survey due: March 6 at 11:59 PM	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations On January 21, the Office of Administrative Law approved and filed the State Water Board's updates to Chapter 2.8 of Title 23. The revisions updated measuring and data submission requirements and went into effect on February 1.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
AGRICULTURE	
Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel - On February 24, 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 will facilitate deliberations on issues relevant to the Panel charge questions. Public working group meeting: March 11 at 2:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
PRIORITY Final Land Subsidence Best Management Practices On January 21, DWR released the Final Land Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document. The BMP 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
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates	Staff Contact Kylie Wright

- On January 28, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) published the [Post-Discussion Draft](#) following the Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates [Advisory Committee](#) meeting to review and consider regulations to address any unmitigated occupational hazards presented by swinging gates. The final recommended regulations will go through the formal rulemaking process.

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SAFE DRINKING WATER

SAFER Advisory Group

- On February 26, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Meeting](#) of the SAFER Advisory Group. The Advisory Group will discuss the Fund Expenditure Plan and hear SAFER program and Advisory Group member updates and announcements.
 - [Advisory group meeting](#): March 12 at 9:00 am

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WATER QUALITY

Drinking Water Regulation Priorities

- On March 3, the State Water Board will discuss the [Prioritization of Drinking Water Regulations Development](#) for the calendar year. The Staff Recommendation is to adopt the [Proposed Resolution](#).

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Hexavalent Chromium Health-Protective Concentration

- On February 9, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) published a [Notice of Finalization of Health-Protective Concentration for Noncancer Effects of Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water](#). The updated public health goal (PHG) is set at 5 parts per billion. PHGs are non-enforceable and are based solely on health effects information.

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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 Sackett ruling and its alteration of the regulatory landscape for water quality protection in California.

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ENERGY

2025 SB 100 Joint Agency Report

- On February 19, the California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Air Resources Board (CARB) hosted a hybrid workshop that discussed the draft electricity resource modeling results and implementation challenges for the [SB 100 \(de Leon, 2018\) Joint Agency Report](#) (Report). The Report is generated every 4 years and establishes a target for renewable and zero-carbon resources to supply 100 percent of retail sales and electricity procured to serve all state agencies by 2045.
 - Written comments [due](#): March 5 at 5:00 pm

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Clean Transportation Program- Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grants

- On January 7, the CEC released [Addendum 5 of Depot Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure for Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road Zero-Emission Vehicles \(Addendum 5\)](#), includes revisions to the grant

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solicitation manual 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 CEC released Addendum 07 of Implementation of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Blueprints 2.0 (Addendum 7), which includes revisions to the Clean Transportation Program' grant solicitation manual 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	
Large Load Considerations • On February 5, the California Independent System Operator held a stakeholder information session regarding the increasing electricity demand over the next 5-10 years by new large loads. The CEC forecasts that data center load, along with electric vehicle charging, and electrification of agricultural and industrial processes, will increase by 1.8 GW by 2030 and 4.9 GW by 2040.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
New Vehicle Emissions Testing Requirements • CARB will host online webinars covering vehicle testing requirements for the Clean Truck Check program that began in October 2024 (Program). The Program aims to achieve State Implementation Plan commitments and move closer to meeting federal ambient air quality standards and improving public health. ○ Public webinar: March 4 and April 22 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
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