



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



MAY 2025

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA SPRING 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its [Spring 2025 Conference and Exhibition](#) in Monterey, CA from May 13-15. ACWA Policy Committee Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, May 13 (schedule below). Registration is required to attend any part of ACWA's Conference, including the complimentary Committee Meetings. Online registration has closed, but onsite registration will be available.

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Groundwater Committee
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Water Management Committee
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Energy Committee
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Agriculture Committee
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Water Quality Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

California Water Plan

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will, as part of the California Water Plan Use and Supply Balances, hold a [webinar](#) to discuss [water balance data](#) foundational to building California's water resilience.
 - Webinar: May 8 at 1:30 pm

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Delta Conveyance Project

- On April 7, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released a [Fifth Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling](#) regarding the DWR's pending petitions for change of water rights permits associated with the State Water Project.
 - Public hearing: May 19

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Delta Conservancy

- On April 17, the Delta Conservancy received \$29 million in funding through Proposition 4 for projects that benefit the Delta. The Delta Conservancy is [seeking input](#) in determining the best use of funds.

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Fees: 2025 Water Quality Certification

- The State Water Board Water will hold a virtual [stakeholder meeting](#) to discuss an updated fee methodology to improve consistency and predictability of the Water Quality Certification Program revenue stream.
 - Stakeholder meeting: May 7 at 1:00 pm

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Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook

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DWR anticipates releasing a draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook this spring, and a final version by July 1. To access DWR's WUE SharePoint, which includes DWR's proposed changes, email UWMPhelp@water.ca.gov.	Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com 
Governor Newsom's Emergency Proclamation in Response to Wildfires On March 1, Governor Newsom issued an Emergency Proclamation that authorized the suspension of certain state statutory and regulatory requirements, including the California Environmental Quality and California Coastal Acts, to expedite eligible fuels reduction projects. Information on eligibility requirements is accessible and suspension requests can be made here.	Staff Contact Kylie Wright kyliew@acwa.com 
AGRICULTURE	
California Department of Food and Agriculture: Strategic Plan On April 7, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) released its Strategic Plan for 2025-2030. The plan updates CDFA's mission, goals, and objectives to safeguard a resilient food system and promote an equitable marketplace.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
California Department of Pesticide Regulation: Pesticide Prioritization - On April 8, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) held a workshop to provide an overview of DPR's pesticide risk characterizations, proposed prioritization process, and advisory committee structure. Public comments due: May 8	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Regulatory Alignment Study - In March, CDFA, in collaboration with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the State Water Board, released an update highlighting milestones and findings for a study evaluating agriculture-related food safety and water quality regulatory reporting requirements with the goal of streamlining administrative processes. - Anticipated release of final report: Fall 2025	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
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). There will be an additional opportunity for public comment at the continued hearing. - Revised GSPs due: June 20 - Public hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
PRIORITY State Intervention: Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin On April 25, the State Water Board announced that it will consider referring the Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin back to DWR for	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com

continued state evaluation and assessment. The [Staff Assessment](#) concludes that the GSP makes significant progress towards sustainability and recommends returning the subbasin back to DWR's jurisdiction.

- Written comments due May 23
- Public board meeting: June 3 at 9:00 am



WATER QUALITY

State Revolving Fund Environmental Package Requirements

- On April 9, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Webinars](#) relating to the Division of Financial Assistance's (DFA) Funding Programs Environmental Package (EP) Guidance. The webinars will focus on the [EP requirements](#) for DFA's funding programs, including the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF and DWSRF).
 - Public webinar: May 15 at 1:00 pm

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PRIORITY State Revolving Fund Policy Amendments

- On April 23, the State Water Board released draft Policy Amendments (Policy Amendments) to the [CWSRF](#) and the [DWSRF](#). The Policy Amendments will update the requirements for obtaining CWSRF and DWSRF dollars to align with the respective annual Intended Use Plans. The State Water Board also recently released updated the 2024-25 DWSRF [comprehensive list](#) and [fundable list](#), and the CWSRF [comprehensive list](#) and [fundable list](#).
 - Public hearing on policy amendments: May 6 at 9:00 am

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Onsite Treated Nonpotable Water Systems

- On March 21, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) regarding the establishment of risk-based water quality standards for onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water for nonpotable end uses in multifamily residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings. If adopted, the proposed regulations will replace existing California Plumbing Code requirements for graywater, stormwater, and rainwater, with some exceptions.
 - Public hearing: May 8 at 1:00 pm
 - Written comments due: May 9 at 12:00 pm

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Wastewater Needs Assessment

- On April 10, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for the next three quarterly Wastewater Needs Assessment Advisory Group (WWNA) meetings. At the meetings, the WWNA Advisory Group will provide information on addressing water-related sanitation system needs.
 - Advisory group meetings: July 25 at 9:30 am

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Water Quality Coordinating Committee

- The State Water Board's Water Quality Coordinating Committee will hold a [meeting](#) to provide general education and share views of newly appointed Committee members. No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting.
 - Committee meetings: May 1 at 10:00 am, May 2 at 9:30 am

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ENERGY

PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation - The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has delayed bringing Assembly Bill 1594 Amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation (ACF Amendments) for CARB approval following recent public input. CARB staff anticipate bringing the ACF Amendments to the Board at a later date in 2025. Comments on proposed ACF Amendments due December 31	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP
Renewables Portfolio Standard - The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a training webinar to provide an overview of the annual Renewable Portfolio Standard reporting process for load-serving entities. - Webinar training: May 7 at 10:00 am - Compliance year 2024 reporting deadline: July 1	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Clean Transportation Program Investment Plan - On April 30, the CEC's Advisory Committee for the Clean Transportation Program Investment Plan held a public meeting to discuss proposed guiding principles for the 2025-2026 Investment Plan Update. The proposed guiding principles are: identifying multi-year funding priorities, funding for light, medium, and heavy duty charging infrastructure, support for multi-family housing units and disadvantaged and rural communities, and flexibility and responsiveness to changes in federal and private funding. Written comments due May 15 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP

ACWA COMMENT AND COALITION LETTERS

- [Post-Wildfire Water Quality Guidance](#), State Water Board, April 11, 2025
- [Water Measurement and Reporting Revisions](#), State Water Board, April 23, 2025

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