



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



MAY 2026

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA SPRING 2026 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Spring 2026 Conference and Exhibition in Sacramento, CA from May 5-7. ACWA Policy Committee Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, May 5 (schedule below). Click [here](#) to register for the Spring Conference, including the Policy Committee Meetings.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Groundwater Committee
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Energy Committee Water Management Committee
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Agriculture Committee Local Government Committee
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Water Quality Committee
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Federal Affairs Committee Legal Affairs 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

California Water Plan Advisory Committee

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will convene the first meetings of the 2028 California Water Plan Advisory Committee to provide recommendations and inform the development of the [2028 California Water Plan](#) (Plan). The Plan, which is updated every five years, is California's strategic plan for water management. The Water Plan Advisory Committee is appointed, but meetings are open to the public.
 - [Public meetings](#): May 13, May 14

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Conservation and Mitigation Banking

- The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Project Delivery Team and Bank Agency Management Team will host a [hybrid public meeting](#) to provide mitigation banking updates and solicit input from stakeholders.
 - [Public meeting](#): May 15 at 1:00 pm
- DFW has updated the Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines (Guidelines). There will be a public [webinar](#) to discuss the changes and address any questions. The updated Guidelines will be posted to DFW's Conservation and Mitigation Banking [webpage](#) in the future.

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○ Public webinar: May 27 at 2:00 pm	
Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program • On April 27, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced a 45-day comment period for the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation with funding through Proposition 4, the Climate Bond. Up to \$228 million is available through funds. ○ Public comment due: June 11 at 5:00 pm ○ Workshop #1: May 27 at 10:00 am ○ Workshop #2: June 2 at 2:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Delta Conveyance Project • On February 9, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a Tenth Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling. The hearing will gather evidence that the State Water Board will consider to determine whether to approve change petitions filed by DWR to add two new points of diversion and redirection for the State Water Project. ○ Public hearings: June 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, 23, 24, and 26 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Sites Reservoir • On March 20, the State Water Board released a Draft Decision and Draft Water Rights Permit on Sites Project Authority – Application 25517X01. The Draft Decision lays out the evidence and arguments received during the water rights hearings and explains the conditions of the Draft Water Rights Permit. ○ Public comment due: May 22 at 11:59 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability Funding • The Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability is accepting Concept Proposal applications for eligible organizations to serve as Healthy Soils Program and State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant Recipients. ○ Concept Proposal due: May 15 at 5:00 pm ○ Full proposal notification: June 2026 ○ Full proposal close: August 2026	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel • On April 28, the State Water Board released the Revised Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Staff Workshop - Recommendations of the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel) Draft Report (Draft Report). The Draft Report presents independent recommendations of the Panel in response to the Panel charge questions. ○ Public comment due: May 4 at 12:00 pm • On April 29, the State Water Board released the Notice of Public Working Group Meetings on the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel. The State Water Board will host two Panel working group meetings to facilitate Panel considerations to public comments received in response to the Draft Report. ○ Working group meetings: May 18, May 27 at 3:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

GROUNDWATER

Tulare Lake and Tule Subbasin

- Groundwater pumpers in the Tulare Lake and Tule subbasins must submit their extraction reports on the State Water Board's [Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System](#). Groundwater pumpers who extract no more than 20-acre feet of groundwater per year are exempt from this reporting requirement.
 - [Report due](#): May 1

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study

- On April 7, the California Earthquake Authority (CEA), as the administrator of the California Wildfire Fund, filed and submitted to the Legislature the [SB 254 Natural Catastrophe Resiliency Study](#) (Study). This Study, pursuant to SB 254 (2025), is a comprehensive assessment of new approaches to enhance California's catastrophe resiliency, with a focus on the electric utility sector.

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SAFE DRINKING WATER

SAFER Advisory Group

- On April 23, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Meeting](#) of the Second SAFER Advisory Group Meeting. The Advisory Group will discuss the Annual Needs Assessment Dashboard, Fund Expenditure Plan, and hear SAFER program and Advisory Group member updates and announcements.
 - [Advisory group meeting](#): May 28 at 9:30 am

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WATER QUALITY

2030 California Integrated Report

- On April 10, the State Water Board released the [Notice of Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information for the 2030 California Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 303\(d\) and 305\(b\)](#) (2030 California Integrated Report). Data and information received will be used in the 2030 California Integrated 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 submissions due](#): August 10 at 12:00 pm

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund

- On April 27, the State Water Board released the [Notice of Public Release, Board Workshop, and Board Meeting](#) relating to the draft fiscal year 2026-27 [Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#) Intended Use Plan (IUP). The draft Clean Water State Revolving Fund IUP outlines the State Water Board's plan for administering the fund and identifies available funding and projects eligible for financing. On May 19, the State Water Board will hold a workshop to provide an overview of the IUP and receive public input.
 - [Board workshop](#): May 19
 - [Public comment due](#): May 27 at 12:00 pm

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CV-SALTS Surveillance and Monitoring Program

- Beginning in May, CV-SALTS billing notices will include [Surveillance and Monitoring Program](#) (SAMP) fees. The SAMP, as required by the [Salt and Nitrate Control Basin Plan Amendments](#), tracks water quality conditions and

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trends across the Central Valley region using data from existing state and federal monitoring programs.	
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: May 14 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Wastewater Rates Questionnaire - On March 27, the State Water Board announced they are conducting a one-time wastewater user charge survey to collect historical rate and fee data for 2019-2025 with the intent to prioritize future investments to support improvements for wastewater systems. Participation is voluntary, but highly encouraged. - Survey due: May 15	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
ENERGY	
PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation On April 2, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released Proposed Amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation (ACF Amendments). Following the comment deadline (April 17), the CARB Executive Officer will consider submitted comments, recommend any needed changes, and then direct CARB staff to submit the ACF Amendments to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review and potential adoption.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report On April 17, the California Energy Commission released the Scoping Order for the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (IEPR). The 2026 IEPR will provide updates on the California Electricity Demand Forecast, California geothermal resources, and energy equity. The IEPR is a biennial report that assesses California's energy system, with an update in intervening years.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
California Air Resources Board Study Session On April 23 and 24, CARB hosted a study session to discuss California's carbon capture landscape, California's air toxics program, and clean transportation incentives.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
ACWA COMMENT LETTERS	
Comments on CARB's Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, California Air Resources Board, April 17, 2026 Joint Comments on SWB's Proposed Emergency Regulations for Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data, State Water Resources Control Board, April 29, 2026	
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