



MONTHLY

REGULATORY ROUNDUP



NOVEMBER 2025

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA/STATE WATER BOARD LIVE WEBINAR

ACWA, in partnership with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), will host a live webinar on November 6 at 11:00 AM to provide agencies with a walkthrough of the [California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System](#) (CalWATRS), the State Water Board’s new water rights data system. Register [here](#).

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Regions 8, 9, and 10 / Reception and Forum / November 13-14 / Register [here](#).

ACWA FALL 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Fall 2025 Conference and Exhibition in San Diego from December 2-4. ACWA Policy Committee meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, December 2 (preliminary schedule below). Register [here](#) to attend Fall Conference, including the Policy Committee meetings.

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

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update – Sacramento/ Delta Update On September 16, the State Water Board announced a Rescinded Notice of the Second Revised Notice of Public Comment and Hearing on Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan). The State Water Board is anticipating a limited recirculation of the draft Staff Report, originally released in fall 2023, and an updated draft Bay-Delta Plan in December 2025. New dates for a public hearing and comment period will be announced upon release.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com WORKING GROUP
PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update On September 19, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Public Workshop on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement (draft SBR) for Consideration of Potential Updates to the Bay-Delta Plan to Incorporate a Proposed	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com WORKING GROUP

Voluntary Agreement for the Tuolumne River. The draft SBR is a prerequisite before the State Water Board can amend the Bay-Delta Plan to incorporate the Tuolumne River Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program. - Public workshop: November 5 at 9:00 am - Written comments due: November 7 at 12:00 pm	
California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System - On October 7, the State Water Board launched a new water rights data system, CalWATRS. The State Water Board is hosting a virtual public workshop on CalWATRS where staff will demonstrate the system's key features and answer questions. Virtual workshop: November 12 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Delta Conveyance Project - On October 10, the State Water Board Requested Additional Information to Supplement the Administrative Record in the Hearing on the Proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) from the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) on the pending petitions for change of water rights permits for the State Water Project. - On October 17, a three-judge panel (Panel) of the state Court of Appeals reversed a lower court decision about commencement of geotechnical work in anticipation of the DCP. The Panel ruled that the Delta Reform Act does not require DWR to submit a certification of consistency before commencing preconstruction geotechnical work. - On October 17, DWR submitted a Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan (Certification) to the Delta Stewardship Council for the DCP, as required by the Delta Reform Act. The Certification is an administrative record that details how DWR has determined the DCP is consistent with Delta Plan policies. - Public review and appeals due: November 17	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund - On October 9, the State Water Board released a Revised Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Board Workshop, and Board Consideration of the Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (draft plan). The draft plan outlines expenditures from the fund that will complement other funding sources as part of the broader Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program. The State Water Board will consider adoption of the draft plan at its next board meeting. - Board meeting: November 4 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook - DWR will hold a Public Meeting on the Release of the Public Review Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook that is intended to inform water suppliers and interested parties on updates to the UWMP Guidebook since the last reporting cycle. - Public meeting: November 17 at 10:00 am 2025 UWMPs due: July 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com 

Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Forms - On September 29, the State Water Board released the fiscal year 2024-2025 reporting form for urban water retailers to submit annual urban water use objectives and actual urban water use data to comply with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation. The State Water Board also released an updated guidance document and will host office hours for those with questions regarding the reporting form. - Reporting form Q&A webinar: November 18 at 11:00 am - Urban Water Use Objective Reporting due: January 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations - On October 30, the State Water Board released a Notice of Publicly Available Changes to the Proposed Water Measurement and Reporting Revisions (Revisions). The Revisions update California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 2.8 (Measuring and Monitoring) by clarifying and revising effective dates of some requirements. The State Water Board is only accepting comments on the proposed changes. - Written comments due: November 14 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Water Technical Access Portal On October 29, the State Water Board held a public webinar to discuss efforts to modernize drinking water data through the creation of the Water Technical Access Portal (WaterTAP). WaterTAP is anticipated to go live by late 2027 with an Advisory Committee expected to be established by spring 2026.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook On September 30, DWR published the Final 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook (Guidebook). The Guidebook assists agricultural water suppliers in preparing and submitting Agricultural Water Management Plans.	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
Bulletin 118 - On October 20, DWR released a draft update of Bulletin 118 for a 45-day public comment period. The draft update provides a comprehensive assessment of statewide groundwater conditions and incorporates information from annual groundwater sustainability agency reports, California's Groundwater Live, and other groundwater initiatives since 2020. Public webinar: November 4 at 12:00 pm - Public comments due: December 5 - Anticipated final update release: Spring 2026	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
PRIORITY Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices - On July 24, DWR released the draft Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) document. The BMP document aims to help local water agencies address the growing concerns over land subsidence and support groundwater reliant communities. - Anticipated final BMP release: late 2025	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 

Groundwater Conditions Update On October 20, DWR released its fall Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update (Update). The Update describes the accomplishments made towards a sustainable groundwater future under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), as well as the challenges posed by climate extremes, land subsidence, and infrastructure needs.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Kaweah Subbasin - On October 13, the State Water Board released a Staff Assessment (Assessment) of the 2024 Amended Kaweah Subbasin groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). The Assessment determines that the GSPs were amended such that probationary designation of the Kaweah Subbasin is not necessary and recommends returning the Kaweah Subbasin to DWR's jurisdiction for continued evaluation. - Written comments due: November 12 at 12:00 pm - Board meeting: December 2 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin - On October 29, DWR opened a public comment period for Kern County Subbasin's modified GSPs submitted to DWR as required by SGMA. - Written comments due: January 8	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Tulare Lake Subbasin On October 31, the State Water Board announced its extension of the deadline for reporting groundwater extractions in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Information about actions related to Tulare Lake Subbasin's probationary designation and the new extraction reporting period and report submittal deadline can be found here.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
WATER QUALITY	
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - On September 26, the State Water Board released a Notice of Availability of Informal Draft Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from Pest Control Applications and Notice of Staff Public Workshops (draft permit). The draft permit consolidates the four existing statewide NPDES general permits for residual pesticide discharges into one permit. - Written comments due: November 12	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
PRIORITY New and Revised Notification and Response Levels On October 29, the State Water Board issued New and Revised Drinking Water Notification and Response Levels for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), and perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA). Under state law, water agencies must respond accordingly to timely notify and treat the source of contamination. More information on these newly lowered response and notification levels can be found at the Board's Drinking Water Notification website.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Proposed Public Health Goal Update – 1,4-Dioxane	Staff Contact

- On September 26, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued a draft proposed Public Health Goal (PHG) for 1,4-dioxane in drinking water of 0.04 parts per billion. PHGs published by OEHHA are considered by the State Water Board in setting drinking water standards for California. - Written comments due: November 10 - Public workshop: November 13 at 9:00 am	Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
State Revolving Fund Environmental Package Requirements - On April 9, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Webinars regarding environmental package requirements (requirements) for the Division of Financial Assistance's various funding programs, including the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. At each webinar, staff will provide an overview of the requirements and the resources available to assistant applicants. - Public webinar: November 13 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
ENERGY	
Clean Transportation Incentive Policies Workshop - On October 14, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced a hybrid workshop to discuss the next phase of the clean transportation incentive policies initiative, Drive Forward. This initiative aims to invest in clean technologies to protect public health, meet mandated air quality targets, and fulfill state goals. Public workshop: November 13 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Clean Transportation Program On October 9, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released their 2025-2026 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program (Plan), which includes proposed allocations for light-duty charging infrastructure, medium- and heavy-duty ZEV infrastructure, hydrogen refueling, and workforce training and development.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Statewide Clean Energy Investments On October 9, Governor Newsom announced California's continued commitment to the development of clean energy and grid resilience. Since taking office, Governor Newsom has added 30,800 megawatts of new clean energy and storage. Concurrently, the CEC announced \$136M in climate investments to expand electric vehicle charging access, advance clean energy innovation and reliability, and continue California's leadership in decarbonization.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Zero Emission Vehicle Report On October 23, CARB staff provided an informational update on its Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Report (Report) in response to Executive Order N-27-25. The Report directs several state agencies, including CARB, to develop recommendations for expanding the deployment of ZEV across all vehicle classes through additional regulations that will: reduce emissions from diverse vehicle types, maintain lists of partnering manufacturers and fleets adhering to state standards, and enhance prior collaborative efforts with manufacturers.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 

ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Draft Final Recommendations and Implementation Steps Released in September 2025](#), California Department of Food and Agriculture, October 15, 2025

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