



UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Regions 6 & 7 / Reception & Tour / October 9-10 / Register [here](#).
- ACWA Region 2 / Tour & Program / October 23 at 8:00 am / Register [here](#).

ACWA FALL 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its Fall 2025 Conference and Exhibition in San Diego, CA from December 2-4. ACWA Policy Committee Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, December 2 (preliminary schedule below). Click [here](#) to register for 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

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY

Bay-Delta Plan Update

- On September 16, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a [Rescinded Notice of the Second Revised Notice of Public Comment and Hearing on Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San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 previously scheduled September public hearing and written public comment period have been cancelled. 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.
- 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 for Consideration of Potential Updates to the Bay-Delta Plan to Incorporate a Proposed Voluntary Agreement for the Tuolumne River](#). The State Water Board is accepting public comments on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement Proposal which is a

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prerequisite before the State Water Board can consider potential updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. - Public workshop: November 5 at 9:00 am - Public comments due: November 7 at 12:00 pm	
Delta Conveyance Project - On September 12, the State Water Board released a Seventh Amended Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) pending petitions for change of water rights permits for the State Water Project. - Continued evidentiary portion of public hearing: October 1, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 20, 23, 27, 28, 29, at 9:00 am - On August 6, Governor Gavin Newsom and DWR launched the Delta Conveyance Accountability Action Plan (Plan). The Plan outlines available community support programs and commitments by DWR to ensure accountability and transparency throughout the project.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Electronic Annual Reporting - The State Water Board will host a second virtual input forum to solicit feedback on proposed changes for the Electronic Annual Reporting (eAR) Year 2025. The eAR is an annual survey of public water systems to collect critical water system information intended to assess the status of compliance with specific regulatory requirements. eAR Input Forum #2: October 17 at 1:00 pm - Anticipated eAR Release Date: February 1, 2026 - Reporting Deadline: April 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Indoor Residential Water Use - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is hosting introductory public meetings on SB 1157 pertaining to indoor residential water use. The next public meeting will serve as a kickoff meeting for the Indoor Water Use Working Group (Working Group). This Working Group will support DWR on completing statewide indoor saturation end-use studies and evaluating long-term effects of telework. A registration link will be shared by DWR soon. - Working Group meeting: October 23 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations - On September 26, the Office of Administrative Law approved and filed with the Secretary of State Chapter 2 and 2.7 revisions, which are now in effect. The State Water Board will release a notice with additional proposed revisions to Chapter 2.8 for public comment, with an effective date to follow. - The California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS) will be launched on October 7. There will be an informational item at an upcoming State Water Board meeting where staff will provide a general overview of the new platform and implementation steps. Public meeting: October 7 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Urban Water Use Objective Reporting Forms	Staff Contact Amber Rossow

- 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](#) for this process.
 - Urban Water Use Objective Reporting due: January 1, 2026

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AGRICULTURE

Regulatory Alignment Study

- On September 3, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced it is accepting feedback on their [Draft Final Recommendations and Implementation Steps Report \(Report\)](#). The Report is a result of the [Regulatory Alignment Study](#), conducted in collaboration with CDFA, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Water Board and aims to streamline food safety and water quality regulatory administrative and reporting processes.
 - Written comments due: October 15 at 5:00 pm

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Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel

- On September 8, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Listening Session for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel \(Panel\) for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program \(ILRP\)](#). The meeting will gather input from interested parties that will be shared with the Panel for their consideration of the [Panel charge questions](#).
 - [Virtual listening session](#): October 1 at 2:00 pm
- On September 26, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Working Group Meetings for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel for the ILRP](#). The meetings will facilitate Panel deliberations on issues relevant to the Panel charge questions.
 - Public working group meetings: [October 13](#) and [22](#) at 3:00 pm

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GROUNDWATER

PRIORITY Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices

- On July 24, DWR released the [draft Subsidence Best Management Practices](#) (BMP) document. The 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

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State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin

- On September 17, the State Water Board (Board) adopted a [resolution](#) releasing the Kern County Groundwater Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) oversight after Board staff confirms the 2025 Final Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are consistent with the Draft Kern County Subbasin GSPs (2025 Draft GSPs) and confirms that the three priority deficiencies have been adequately addressed.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation

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- In March 2025, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) convened an [advisory committee](#) to develop recommendations regarding horizontal sliding and swinging gates. Based on the feedback received on the [March discussion draft](#), in August 2025, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Staff released a [revised draft of regulations](#). The final recommended regulations will go through the formal rulemaking process.

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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](#). The proposed [draft permit](#) consolidates the four existing statewide NPDES general permits for residual pesticide discharges into one permit.
 - Public workshops: October 16 at 10:00 am and October 21 at 5:00 pm
 - Written comments due: November 12

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Proposed Public Health Goal Update- 1-4 Dioxane

- On September 26, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announced the availability of a [draft proposed Public Health Goal \(PHG\) for 1,4-dioxane in drinking water](#) of 0.04 parts per billion (ppb). PHGs published by OEHHA are considered by the State Water Resources Control Board in setting drinking water regulatory standards (Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs) for California.
 - Written comments due: November 10
 - Public workshop: November 13 at 9:00 am

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Proposed Revised Notification and Response Levels – Manganese

- On September 4, the Division of Drinking Water proposed [Revised Notification and Response Levels for Manganese](#) (Proposed Revisions). The Proposed Revisions will be presented as an informational item at the next State Water Board meeting.
 - Board meeting: October 7 at 9:00 am

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Wastewater Needs Assessment

- On April 10, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for the next quarterly Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group meetings. At the meetings, the WWNA Advisory Group will provide information on addressing water-related sanitation system needs.
 - Advisory Group [meeting](#): October 24 at 9:30 am

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ENERGY

PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

- On September 25, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted a [resolution](#) to amend the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation (ACF). The resolution: extends the 50 percent Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Purchase Schedule until 2030 and allow small fleets and those located

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in designated counties to continue to wait until 2030 before they need to purchase any ZEVs at all, adopts the proposed 45-day changes, and directs CARB staff to continue working with local government entities on additional concerns with exemption pathways to be addressed in a future comment period later this year.	
California Air Resources Board Chair Retirement and Appointment On September 15, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California Air Resources Board (CARB) Chair, Liane Randolph, will be retiring from state service. Governor Newsom named Senior Advisor to the Governor for Climate, Lauren Sanchez, as the next CARB Chair as of October 1.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Guidebook - On September 23, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a Notice of Availability, Request for Comments, and Staff Workshop on the Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility 10th Edition (RPS Guidebook). The RPS Guidebook outlines eligibility requirements and process for certifying renewable energy resources and is revised periodically. - Staff workshop: October 6 at 10:00 am Public comments due: October 20 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Guidance for Utility Dynamic Hourly Rates On August 28, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced a Decision Adopting Guidelines for Utilities on Demand Flexibility Rate Design Proposals (Guidelines). The Guidelines aim to align electricity prices more closely with grid conditions to promote efficient energy use.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Western Regional Energy Market On September 19, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 825 (Petrie-Norris) into law which aims to allow California to: participate in a western regional energy market with the potential to lower energy costs while broadening energy reliability and access to clean energy sources, fill funding gaps for expensive transmission buildout, and maintain state control of energy sources accepted into California to preserve climate, reliability, and equity goals. AB 825 was supported by a diverse coalition of advocates including: energy providers, environmentalists, labor unions, and private industry.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Horizontal Sliding and Swinging Gates Regulation Recommendations](#), Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, September 26, 2025
- [Draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices](#), California Department of Water Resources, September 22, 2025
- [Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Amendments/45-Day Changes](#), California Air Resources Board, September 15, 2025
- [GIS Regulatory Language Public Comments](#), California Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, September 3, 2025
- [Draft Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines](#), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, September 3, 2025

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