



UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 1 / Tour & Program / September 12 at 8:30 am / Register [here](#).
- ACWA Region 5/ Tour / September 25-26 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 August 22, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced a [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 [revised draft updates](#) include two regulatory pathways: the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program and the unimpaired flow approach for non-HRL Program parties.
 - Public hearing: September 24 and 25 at 9:00 am
 - Public comments due: September 29 at 9:00 am

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Delta Conveyance Project

- On June 20, the State Water Board released a [revised Notice of Board Meeting](#) 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: September 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 22, 29 and 30 at 9:00 am
- On August 6, Governor Gavin Newsom and DWR launched the [Delta Conveyance Accountability Action Plan \(Plan\)](#). The Plan outlines

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available community support programs and commitments by DWR to ensure accountability and transparency throughout the project.	
Geographic Information Systems Regulation - On July 21, the Underground Safety Board released a Notice of Draft Language for Public Comment Prior to Proposed Rulemaking Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The proposed draft language includes new definitions to California Code of Regulations, Title 19 and the additions of regulations regarding the Accuracy of Geospatial Coordinates, Component and Attribute Records, and Geospatial-Coordinate Metadata Records. Public comments due: September 3 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Julia Hall juliah@acwa.com
Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines - On July 18, the Department of Fish and Wildlife released the Draft Conservation and Mitigation Banking Guidelines (Draft Guidelines). The Draft Guidelines clarify and incorporate all relevant documents and program guidance to implement Chapter 7.9 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code. Public comments due: September 3 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Electronic Annual Reporting - The State Water Board will host a 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. Virtual forum: September 19 at 1:00 pm - Anticipated eAR release date: February 1, 2026 - Reporting deadline: April 1, 2026	Staff Contact Amber Rossow amberr@acwa.com
Tribal Stewardship Policy - The California Natural Resources Agency released the Draft Tribal Stewardship Policy (Policy) and Toolkit for tribal consultation. The Policy supports collaborative stewardship efforts by enhancing tribal access and enabling collaboration of management of public lands and natural resources. Public comments due: September 12	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations On August 5, the State Water Board adopted a resolution regarding the Water Measurement and Reporting Regulations. The resolution includes revisions to California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapters 2 (Appropriation of Water), 2.7 (Water Diversion and Use), and 2.8 (Measuring and Monitoring). The regulations are expected to become effective on October 1, 2025.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Water Rights Reporting – CalWATRS On May 27, the State Water Board announced a new water rights reporting system, the California Water Accounting Tracking and Reporting System (CalWATRS). The system will help the state manage water data better and streamline public access to information.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 

- Early access to CalWATRS: July-September 2025
- Reports for the 2024-25 water year due: January 2026

AGRICULTURE

2026 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

- On August 15, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced it is accepting proposals for the [2026 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program \(Program\)](#). The Program intends to enhance the performance of California specialty crops and CDFA will host a series of informational webinars for interested applicants.
 - [Proposal informational webinar](#): September 2 at 2:00 pm
 - Applications due: September 11 at 5:00 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 for public comment. The document aims to help local water agencies address the growing concerns over land subsidence and support groundwater reliant communities.
 - [Public comments](#) due: September 22
 - Anticipated Final BMP release: Late 2025

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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. State Water 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). The GSAs submitted updated draft GSPs in June and the State Water Board is accepting public comment on the [Draft 2025 Amended Kern County GSPs](#).
 - Public hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am

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WATER QUALITY

PRIORITY Proposed Revised Notification and Response Levels

- On August 6, the State Water Board discussed the [Proposed Revised Notification and/or Response Levels](#) for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS), Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS), and proposed notification and response level for Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA) (Proposed Revisions). The Proposed Revisions were presented as an informational item and may be adopted by the Deputy Director of the Division of Drinking Water in September 2025.

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PRIORITY State Revolving Fund

- On August 5, the State Water Board approved the [Final 2025-26 Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\) Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#). The CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the CWSRF and its complementary funding for the state fiscal year.

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- On August 19, the State Water Board approved the [Final 2025-26 Drinking Water SRF IUP](#) (DWSRF IUP). The DWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for administering the DWSRF and its complementary funding for the state fiscal year.

ENERGY

Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

- On July 29, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released a [Notice of Public Hearing to consider Proposed Amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation](#) (ACF). The proposed amendments to ACF, pursuant to the directives of Assembly Bill 1594 (Garcia, 2023), seek to provide additional flexibilities for public agency utilities working towards ACF compliance.
 - [Written comments](#) due: September 15
 - Public hearing: September 25 at 9:00 am

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ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan](#), State Water Board, August 29, 2025
- [Draft 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan Guidebook](#), California Department of Water Resources, August 22, 2025
- [Draft Guidelines for Recovery Planning](#), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, July 31, 2025
- [Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for a Regulation Change Regarding the Striped Bass Slot Limit](#), California Fish and Game Commission, July 31, 2025

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