

# MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



FEBRUARY 2025

## UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

### ACWA DC 2025 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its DC 2025 Conference February 25-27 in Washington DC. Space is limited - register [here](#) to attend.

### QUARTERLY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ACWA's next Quarterly Policy Committee Meetings will be held virtually on March 13 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Register [here](#) to attend any or all of the meetings. The schedule includes:

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| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM   | ACWA Updates and Committee Orientation |
| 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM  | Water Management Committee             |
| 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Groundwater Committee                  |
| 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM  | Water Quality Committee                |
| 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM   | Agriculture Committee                  |
| 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM   | Energy Committee                       |

## POLICY UPDATES

### FEDERAL

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

### WATER MANAGEMENT

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| <b>PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On January 16, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) released a <a href="#">proposal for Alternative 6a</a> for the draft Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. DWR and CDFW's proposal provides alternative language to the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Alternative 6a for protecting flows that are part of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.</li></ul>                                                                                                 | <b>Staff Contact</b><br>Stephen Pang<br><a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a><br> |
| <b>California Endangered Species Act: Western Burrowing Owl</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On November 14, CDFW requested <a href="#">data and public comments</a> as part of the status review process for the petition to list the western burrowing owl under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). As of October 25, 2024, CDFW has one year to conduct its status review that will inform the California Fish and Game Commission's final decision on whether to list the western burrowing owl under CESA.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deadline to submit data and comments: February 15</li></ul></li></ul> | <b>Staff Contact</b><br>Stephen Pang<br><a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a>                                                                                          |
| <b>Delta Conveyance Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On November 18, the State Water Board released an <a href="#">Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Ruling</a> regarding DWR's pending Petitions for Change of Water Rights Permits associated with the State Water Project. The hearing will develop an evidentiary record on which</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Staff Contact</b><br>Stephen Pang<br><a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a>                                                                                          |

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| <p>the State Water Board will rely when acting on petitions to authorize operation of the proposed Delta Conveyance Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing: February 18 at 9:00 am, March 24-25, and April 1, 4, 7-9, 14, 17, and 22-24</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Delta Protection Advisory Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On January 28, the Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) <a href="#">opened applications</a> for five committee member seats. DPAC provides recommendations to the Delta Protection Commission on diverse interests within the Delta. Applications are available <a href="#">here</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to submit applications: March 14 at 5:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                      | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Stephen Pang<br/> <a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a></p>                                                                               |
| <p><b>Delta Science Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">Delta Science Program</a> will hold a hybrid <a href="#">workshop</a> to support its development of the third iteration of the <a href="#">Delta Science Plan</a> (DSP). The DSP will focus on creating a shared framework and addressing challenges to science in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta within the next five years. The goal of the workshop is to solicit public input about specific actions, tools, and strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop: February 20-21 at 9:00 am</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Stephen Pang<br/> <a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a></p>                                                                               |
| <p><b>Delta Stewardship Council: 2024 Annual Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Delta Stewardship Council released its <a href="#">2024 Annual Report</a>. The report reflects on growth, collaboration, and overcoming challenges through the use of best available science and adaptive management.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Stephen Pang<br/> <a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a></p>                                                                               |
| <p><b>Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWR will hold a <a href="#">Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool</a> overview and tutorial as part of its technical assistance for Senate Bill 552 implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Overview and tutorial</a>: February 5 at 9:00 am</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Chelsea Haines<br/> <a href="mailto:chelseah@acwa.com">chelseah@acwa.com</a></p>                                                                             |
| <p><b>Fees: 2025 Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Water Board is holding a series of <a href="#">stakeholder meetings</a> to discuss drinking water, water quality, and water rights fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Quality: March 6 at 9:00 am</li> <li>Water Rights: March 6 at 1:00 pm</li> <li>Drinking Water: March 7 at 9:00 am</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Chelsea Haines<br/> <a href="mailto:chelseah@acwa.com">chelseah@acwa.com</a></p>                                                                             |
| <p><b>Intended Use Plan: Clean Water State Revolving Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On January 23, the State Water Board <a href="#">opened</a> a 30-day public comment period for the <a href="#">draft updated 2024-25 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) Comprehensive</a> and the <a href="#">draft updated 2024-25 CWSRF IUP Fundable</a> lists. The lists serve the CWSRF Base Program and CWSRF general supplemental funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written comments due February 24</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                       | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Nick Blair<br/> <a href="mailto:nickb@acwa.com">nickb@acwa.com</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Intended Use Plan: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On January 17, the State Water Board <a href="#">opened</a> a 30-day public comment period for the <a href="#">draft updated 2024-25 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) IUP Comprehensive</a> and <a href="#">draft updated 2024-25 DWSRF IUP Fundable</a> lists. The lists serve the DWSRF Base Program and DWSRF general supplemental funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written comments due February 20</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                         | <p><b>Staff Contact</b></p> <p>Nick Blair<br/> <a href="mailto:nickb@acwa.com">nickb@acwa.com</a></p>  |

**Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook**

- DWR anticipates releasing a draft 2025 [Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook](#) in February, a revised draft in March, and a final version by July 1. To access DWR's [WUE SharePoint](#), which includes DWR's proposed changes, email [UWMPhelp@water.ca.gov](mailto:UWMPhelp@water.ca.gov).

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**AGRICULTURE****Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program**

- The State Water Board will host a virtual Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program [stakeholder meeting](#) to discuss the methodology for conducting annual comparisons of township-level groundwater protection targets and actual values achieved.
  - Stakeholder meeting: March 26 at 10:00 am

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**GROUNDWATER****PRIORITY****State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin**

- On January 21, the State Water Board released its [final Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Staff Report](#). If designated as probationary, Kern County Subbasin would have one year to address the identified deficiencies while the State Water Board would focus on identifying potential actions to address those deficiencies.
  - Written comments due February 13 at 12:00 pm
  - Public board hearing: February 20 at 9:00 am

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**WATER QUALITY****Clean Water Act Section 303(d)**

- On January 2, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, Public Staff Workshop, and Public Hearing for the Draft 2026 California Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) List of Impaired Waters](#) (list) of the 2026 California Integrated Report (report). The draft 303(d) list and draft staff report are accessible [here](#).
  - [Public workshop](#) on the 2026 report: February 11 at 1:00 pm
  - Public hearing on the list and draft staff report: March 18 at 9:00 am
  - Written comments on the list and draft staff report due April 2 at 12:00 pm

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**Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy**

- On January 22, the State Water Board adopted the [Water Quality Control \(WQC\) Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits](#) (policy). The policy requires permittees to use a list of standardized cost categories to track their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit implementation costs and report annual expenditures for implementing their MS4 permits using a statewide cost data portal.
  - Anticipated effective date: April 1

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**Urban Stormwater Infiltration**

- On January 2, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Workshops regarding the proposed Urban Stormwater Infiltration WQC](#)

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- [Policy](#) (proposed WQC policy). The proposed WQC policy will set statewide standards for stormwater infiltration in urban areas that will allow infiltration while protecting groundwater quality.
- [Virtual public workshop #1](#): February 3 at 6:00 pm
  - [Virtual public workshop #2](#): February 6 at 10:00 am
  - Written comments due February 24 at 12:00 pm
  - On January 28, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Preparation and California Environmental Quality Act Scoping Meeting](#) for the proposed urban stormwater infiltration WQC policy. The purpose of the scoping meeting is to solicit public input on the proposed draft Substitute Environmental Documentation, which will identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and environmental effects to be analyzed.
    - [Virtual scoping meeting](#): March 12 at 10:00 am
    - Written comments due March 31

## ENERGY

### **PRIORITY** Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: Truck Regulation Implementation

#### Group

- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will host a Truck Regulation Implementation Group meeting to continue discussion of Advanced Clean Fleet regulation implementation on infrastructure.
  - [Infrastructure meeting](#): February 10 at 1:00 pm

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### Clean Transportation: Transportation Fuels Transition Plan

- CARB and the California Energy Commission will host a series of community meetings to discuss how California can reliably, safely, equitably, and affordably transition away from petroleum fuels.
  - [Bakersfield community meeting](#): February 4 at 6:30 pm
  - [Wilmington community meeting](#): February 5 at 6:30 pm

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## ACWA COMMENT AND COALITION LETTERS

- [Draft Sacramento/Delta Bay-Delta Plan Updates](#), State Water Board, January 10, 2025
- [Proposed Public Health Goal for N-Nitrosodimethylamine](#), State Water Board, January 17, 2025
- [Draft Sacramento/Delta Bay-Delta Plan Updates – Alternatives 5a and 6a](#), State Water Board, January 30, 2025

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