

MONTHLY
**REGULATORY
ROUNDUP**



JUNE 2024

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

ACWA Region 2 / Program and Tour / June 27 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#).

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

2024 Scott-Shasta Emergency Regulation

- On May 6, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) announced the availability of a list of applicants who submitted [Groundwater Local Cooperative Solution \(LCS\) Proposals](#) for the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds for the 2024 irrigation season. Instead of curtailment, these proposals provide fisheries benefits, flow contributions, or specific and trackable water savings. Decisions on the proposals will be posted on the State Water Board's Scott-Shasta Emergency Regulation [webpage](#).

Staff Contact

Stephen Pang
stephenp@acwa.com

Central Valley Project and State Water Project

- In April 2024, the Delta Science Program completed its facilitation of the [Peer Review of the Fish and Aquatic Effects Analysis for the Long-Term Operations \(LTO\) of the Central Valley Project \(CVP\) and State Water Project \(SWP\)](#). The Peer Review's findings and recommendations will inform the final Biological Assessment.

Staff Contact

Chelsea Haines
chelseah@acwa.com

Delta Conveyance Project

- On May 16, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a [Benefit-Cost Analysis of the Delta Conveyance Project \(DCP\)](#). The analysis found that the DCP would create [billions of dollars in benefits](#) for communities across California, including reliable water supplies, climate change adaptation, earthquake preparedness, and improved water quality.

Staff Contact

Stephen Pang
stephenp@acwa.com

Delta Plan Five-Year Review

- On April 25, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) released its draft [2024 Delta Plan Five-Year Review](#) for public comment. The Five-Year Review evaluates progress in implementing Delta Plan policies, recommendations, and performance measures; identifies areas where progress has been made or is lacking; and informs the DSC of opportunities to address deficiencies.
 - Written comments due June 10

Staff Contact

Stephen Pang
stephenp@acwa.com

Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners Collaborative

- DWR's Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners Collaborative will hold an [informational meeting](#) to provide an overview and discuss the operation of its recently formed working groups (WG). These WGs will focus on drought-

Staff Contact

Soren Nelson
sorenn@acwa.com

relevant data, drought preparedness for domestic wells, and drought definition and narrative. ○ Informational Meeting: June 4 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm	
Fees: 2024 Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights • The State Water Board is holding a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss drinking water, water quality, and water rights fees. ○ Water Quality: June 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 am ○ Water Rights: June 13 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm ○ Drinking Water: June 14 from 9:00 – 11:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements • On May 3, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Action to Add Section 723, Suspension or Revocation of Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The proposed regulation would allow CDFW to suspend or revoke an agreement administratively when an entity is not in compliance with the terms of the agreement or fails to provide timely status reports. Rulemaking documents related to this action are accessible here. ○ Public Hearing: June 18 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ○ Written comments due June 18	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
PRIORITY Making Conservation a California Way of Life • On May 20, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Availability of Additional Changes to the Proposed Regulation Making Conservation a California Way of Life with a 15 day public comment period. The revised draft regulation outlines unique water use objectives for each urban retail water supplier; commercial, industrial, and institutional performance measures; and reporting requirements. The State Water Board anticipates that it will adopt a final regulation this summer. ○ Written comments due June 4	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com 
Model Water Use Efficiency Landscape Ordinance • On May 15, DWR obtained approval from the California Water Commission for its proposed Model Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Landscape Ordinance (MWEO) amendments. The amendments aim to reduce ambiguities, provide clarity, and improve organization. DWR anticipates submitting the final regulation to the Office of Administrative Law this summer and that the regulation will take effect in September/October. The amendments and information about MWEO can be found here.	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan • On April 25, the State Water Board announced the availability of the Draft Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan (TMP) for 2024. The TMP describes how the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation plans to operate Shasta Reservoir for water temperatures on the Sacramento River. To receive access to the TMP, email Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov. ○ Anticipated release of final TMP: early June	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
State Water Project Long-Term Drought Plan • In March, DWR finalized its Long-Term Drought Plan for the SWP. The Long-Term Drought Plan, which will be reviewed and updated every five years and	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com

after major drought events, outlines actions that improve long-term drought resilience and add flexibility, efficiency, and capacity to the system.	
Supply and Demand Assessment Program - On April 30, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Meetings on Watershed Selection for the Division of Water Rights' Water Supply and Demand Assessment Program. State Water Board staff will solicit input on the selection of watersheds for new water supply and demand modeling efforts. - Public Meeting #3: June 3 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Urban Water Management Plans - DWR is in the process of updating its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook and will hold a series of WG meetings throughout the summer to solicit input. DWR anticipates that it will release a draft 2025 UWMP Guidebook in November, a revised draft in February 2025, and a finalized version by July 1, 2025. To attend the WG meetings and access DWR's WUE SharePoint, email UWMPhelp@water.ca.gov. - Coordination WG Meeting: June 4 from 9:00 – 11:00 am - Seawater Desalination WG Meeting: June 11 from 9:00 – 11:00 am - Stored Water WG Meeting: June 18 from 9:00 – 11:00 am - Direct Potable Reuse WG Meeting: June 25 from 9:00 – 11:00 am	Staff Contact Sonja Eschenburg sonjae@acwa.com 
AGRICULTURE	
Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program - On May 13, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Convening an Expert Panel (EP) for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). The EP will evaluate data currently used in the ILRP, consider approaches adopted in the State Water Board's East San Joaquin Petition Order WQ 2018-0002 and Central Coast Ag Order WQ 2023-0081, and help determine next steps. The State Water Board is seeking proposals for questions for the EP, areas of expertise to be considered for selection of EP members, and data for the EP's consideration. - Written comments due June 28 by 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Regulatory Alignment Study - On May 2, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in collaboration with the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Board, released a Regulatory Alignment Concept Paper. The Paper is part of a Regulatory Alignment Study to streamline administrative processes and data collection by evaluating food safety and water quality regulatory reporting requirements. Workshops to review the Paper and provide feedback are scheduled throughout the summer. Produce Safety Program Workshop #1: June 4 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm ILRP Workshop #1: June 12 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm Confined Animal Facilities Workshop #1: June 20 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm State Winery Order Workshop #1: June 26 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
PRIORITY State Intervention: Kaweah Subbasin Proposed Probationary Designation On May 6, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity to Provide Feedback, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for the Proposed	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com

[Designation of Kaweah Subbasin as a Probationary Basin](#). If designated as probationary, Kaweah Subbasin would have one year to address the identified deficiencies while the State Water Board would focus on data collection and analysis to understand what management challenges are occurring in the subbasin.

- Virtual Staff Workshop: June 24 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
- In-Person Staff Workshop: June 27 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- Written comments due July 8 by 12:00 pm
- Public Board Hearing: November 5 at 9:00 am



WATER QUALITY

Clean Water Act

- On May 29, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity: Fiscal Year 2024 Building Partner Capacity and Promoting Resiliency and Equity under the Clean Water Act](#). The U.S. EPA is soliciting applications to provide support for training and related activities that will advance the goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) Program, CWA 305(b) Program, Total Maximum Daily Load Program, Nonpoint Source (CWA Section 319) Program, Fish Monitoring/Advisory Programs, Recreational Waters/Beach Monitoring Programs, and Water Quality Monitoring Program. Information about eligibility can be found [here](#).
 - Questions due July 1
 - Applications due July 17 by 11:59 pm

Staff Contact

Stephen Pang
stephenp@acwa.com

Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy

- On May 9, the State Water Board released a [Revised Draft Water Quality Control Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits](#) (Draft WQCP) for a second round of public comments. The revised draft, redline comparison to the August 2023 version, and revised draft Staff Report are accessible [here](#).
 - Public Hearing: June 4 at 9:00 am
 - Written comments due June 25 by 12:00 pm
- On May 24, the State Water Board released a [Cost Accounting Guidance Document](#), intended to assist municipal stormwater permittees track and report permit implementation costs in accordance with the proposed Draft WQCP. A [Supplement to Staff Response to Public Comments](#) was also posted.

Staff Contact

Stephen Pang
stephenp@acwa.com

ENERGY

2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report

- On April 17, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a [Notice of Staff Workshop on Forms and Instructions to Collect Electricity Resource Plan Data from Load-Serving Entities](#) (LSEs). The CEC is directed to regularly assess energy demand and supply to develop energy policies that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety. Under the CEC's regulations, LSEs are required to submit 10-year demand forecasts and 10-year resource plans, which will be used to inform the [2024 IEPR Update](#).
 - Public workshops on specific topics: May 2024 – December 2024

Staff Contact

Nick Blair
nickb@acwa.com

2024 Summer Loads and Resources Assessment

Staff Contact

On May 8, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) released its 2024 Summer Loads and Resources Assessment (Assessment). The Assessment's findings indicate that continued improvement in resource availability, average to slightly above average hydro conditions, and softening of the summer 2024 demand forecast will better equip the CAISO to manage grid reliability in the upcoming summer months.	Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation - The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will host Truck Regulation Implementation Group Meetings in June to continue discussion of Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation (ACF) implementation. Meeting topics include: rule provisions, infrastructure, and border communities. CARB will also host a Question and Answer Workshop focused on High Priority Fleets Provisions. - Border Community Workshop: June 4 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm - Rule Provision Workshop: June 5 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm - Infrastructure Workshop: June 5 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm - High Priority Fleets Workshop: June 20 from 9:00 – 11:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
California Clean Energy Planning Program - On April 23, the CEC held a pre-application workshop on the California Clean Energy Planning Program. \$500,000 is available to local government entities to develop land use planning documents that support or advance the development of clean energy. - Applications due June 3 by 11:59 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Clean Transportation Funding - On May 28, the CEC released a Notice of Public Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Clean Transportation Program Investment Plan. The meeting will discuss proposed funding allocations included in the 2024-2025 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program Draft Staff Report. A CEC Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission (EnerGIIZE) workshop will also be held to discuss the availability of \$10 million for zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure funding incentives through the “Jump Start” lane. Jump Start Lane funding will become available on July 16. - Advisory Committee Meeting: June 7 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - EnerGIIZE Meeting: June 11 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm - EnerGIIZE Jump Start Lane Funding available July 16	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Low Carbon Fuel Standard - On May 20, CARB released a Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Amendments. The LCFS is designed to decrease the carbon intensity in California's transportation fuel pool and provide an increased range of low-carbon and renewable alternatives. Over the coming months, CARB staff will analyze and incorporate modifications into the rulemaking proposal including a near-term step down in carbon intensity benchmarks of 7% or greater, as well as ZEV provisions. - Public Hearing: November 8 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
Summer Reliability On May 29, the CEC, California Public Utilities Commission, and CAISO jointly held a Summer Reliability Workshop to provide an outlook for 2024 summer	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com

reliability. The workshop provided a cautiously optimistic overview of anticipated summer weather and fire conditions, clean energy resources expected to come online, hydroelectric resource conditions, and an update on anticipated system reliability conditions.

- Written comments due June 12 by 5:00 pm



To receive a monthly email of the Regulatory Roundup, please contact [Sonja Eschenburg](#). The Regulatory Roundup is also available on ACWA's [website](#).



Indicates ACWA Working Group



Indicates ACWA Priority Issue