



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



MAY 2024

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA SPRING 2024 CONFERENCE

ACWA will host its 2024 Spring Conference and Exhibition in Sacramento, CA from May 7-9. ACWA Regulatory Committee Meetings will be held in person on Tuesday, May 7 (schedule below). Access to Tuesday's committee meetings is complementary, but [registration](#) is required.

8:00 am – 9:15 am	Agriculture Committee
9:30 am – 10:45 am	Groundwater Committee
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Water Management Committee
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Energy Committee
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Water Quality Committee

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

- On April 30, Department of Water Resources (DWR) held an informational meeting to discuss the next round of the [Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment](#) (AWSDA). Urban water suppliers are required to submit an AWSDA to DWR through the [WUEdata Portal](#).
 - Deadline to submit AWSDA: July 1

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PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan: Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes

- On March 29, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) posted additional documents (e.g., Flow Accounting Procedures, Non-flow Measure Accounting Protocols, Enforcement Agreements) received from the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (Agreements) parties on their [File Transfer Protocol](#) (FTP) site. To receive access to the FTP site, email SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov.

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PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan: Peer Review Package

- On March 29, the State Water Board also posted the [Peer Review Package](#) for the [Final Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement in Support of Proposed Agreements for the Sacramento/Delta Update to the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Water Quality Control Plan](#).

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California Financing Coordinating Committee

- The California Financing Coordinating Committee is holding a [funding fair](#) to provide information on available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies.
 - Funding Fair #1: May 23 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (virtual)
 - Funding Fair # 2: May 29 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (virtual)

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California Nature Based Solutions - On April 22, the State unveiled 81 targets for nature-based solutions to use millions of acres to help absorb more carbon emissions. The targets call for actions by 2045 that are intended to reduce wildfire risk, boost healthy soils, store carbon, protect diversity, and conserve lands. California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will host a webinar on the targets. - Webinar: May 2 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
California Water Plan: Resource Management Strategies - On May 1, DWR released a public review draft of its 11 Resource Management Strategies (RMS). Each RMS includes techniques, programs, or policies that can be used by local agencies and governments to meet their water-related management needs. - Written comments due May 31	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
California Water Plan Update On April 2, DWR released the final California Water Plan Update 2023 (Update 2023). Update 2023 is the State's Strategic Plan for managing and developing water resources and focuses on addressing climate urgency, strengthening watershed resilience, and achieving equity in water management through recommendations that revolve around seven objectives.	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program - On April 25, DWR announced the start of a second 15-day comment period for the updated Draft Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program (DSCR) Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package. The DSCR provides State funding for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects at existing State jurisdictional dams and associated facilities that were in service prior to January 1, 2023. There is currently \$47.5 million available for this program. - Written comments due May 10	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Delta Conveyance Project - On April 18, the State Water Board released a revised Notice of Petition Requesting Changes in Water Rights of DWR for the Delta Conveyance Project. The revised Notice extends the deadline to submit petition protests to the State Water Board, with a copy provided to DWR, from April 29 to May 13. - Deadline to submit Petition Protest: May 13	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative Report On April 24, DWR published its inaugural Report on 2023 Activities for the Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners (DRIP) Collaborative. The report documents the DRIP Collaborative's first year and highlights its focus on drought definition and narrative, drought-relevant data, and drought preparedness for domestic wells. For each area, the DRIP Collaborative identified challenges and proposed actions to address them.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@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. A final TMP is	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 

anticipated to be released on May 20. To receive access to the FTP site, email Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov.	
Salton Sea Management Program - On March 26, the State Water Board issued a Notice of Annual Public Notice on the Statue of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP). The State Water Board will receive an update on the SSMP from CNRA, in collaboration with DWR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. No action will be taken. - Public Workshop: May 22 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
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. At the meetings, State Water Board staff will solicit input on the selection of watersheds for new water supply and demand modeling efforts. - Public Meeting #1: May 14 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Eureka - Public Meeting #2: May 21 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Salinas - Public Meeting #3: June 3 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm (virtual)	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
UPWARD Advisory Group - The State Water Board is convening the second UPWARD Advisory Group meeting to showcase granular aspects of the legacy data system (eWRIMS) and demonstrate ways the new CalWATRS system will provide new functionalities and improve data quality. - Advisory Group meeting: May 1 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
Groundwater Sustainability Plan Determinations On April 24, DWR announced the start of the public comment period for six revised groundwater sustainability plans (GSP) that were previously deemed incomplete. The GSPs are open to public comment for 60 days after their posted date. Information about how to comment on GSPs can be found in this fact sheet.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
PRIORITY State Intervention: Tulare Lake Subbasin Probationary Designation On April 16, the State Water Board adopted its Final Tulare Lake Subbasin Probationary Hearing Staff Report and designated the Tulare Lake Subbasin as probationary under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The determination compels, among other things, the installation of well meters by groundwater users who extract more than 500 acre-feet per year by July 15, 2024. The State Water Board will next consider placing the Tule Subbasin in probation in September.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com 
State Intervention: Tule Subbasin Staff Report On March 7, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity to Provide Feedback, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for the Proposed Designation of Tule Subbasin as a Probationary Basin. The State Water Board will not decide on a probationary designation for Tule Subbasin prior to the Public Board Hearing, but it will accept input on the Tule Subbasin Probationary Hearing Draft Staff Report.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com

- Written comments due May 7 at 12:00 pm
- Public Board Hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am

SAFE DRINKING WATER

SAFER Advisory Group

- On April 3, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Meeting](#) of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group. The meeting will consider the 2024 Needs Assessment results, draft priorities for the Fund Expenditure Plan, SAFER program updates, SAFER Advisory Group announcements, and public comment.
 - Public Meeting: May 3 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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WATER QUALITY

2028 California Integrated Report for Clean Water Act

- On April 18, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Public Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information for the 2028 California Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 303\(d\) and 305\(b\)](#). Data and information submitted will be assembled, evaluated, and if appropriate, assessed to determine surface water quality conditions and to identify impaired waters. Minimum data elements and submission instructions can be found [here](#).
 - Deadline to submit data and information: October 23 by 12:00 pm

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PRIORITY Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level

- On April 17, the State Water Board [adopted](#) the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) (or 10 parts per billion). The Regulation, which applies to all water suppliers including small public water systems, must next be approved by the Office of Administrative Law. Once approved, it is expected that the Regulation will take effect by October.

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Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy

- On April 2, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Public Board Hearing on a Revised Draft Water Quality Control Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits](#). The [Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy](#) (Draft Policy) proposed a statewide cost reporting framework for Phase I and traditional Phase II municipal separate storm sewer system permittees.
 - Release date of Revised Draft Policy and Staff Report: May 9
 - Public Hearing: June 4 at 9:00 am
 - Written comments due June 25 by 12:00 pm

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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 by California Public Resources Code Section 25301 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

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10-year demand forecasts and 10-year resource plans, which will be used to inform the 2024 IEPR Update. ○ Staff Workshop: May 8 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm ○ Written comments due May 22 by 5:00 pm ○ Public workshops on specific topics: May 2024 – December 2024	
PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets • On April 23, the California Air Resources Board shared an informational post about the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation. The post discusses the ACF calculator tool, which helps fleet owners project the number of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) needed to comply with either the High Priority Fleets Model Year Schedule of the ZEV Milestones Option. The post also discusses Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) incentive tools like the HVIP Vehicle Catalog and HVIP Purchaser Resources.	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
International Standard for Organization 15118 • On April 17, the CEC released a Notice of International Standard for Organization (ISO) 15118 Implementation Updates Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to support the electric vehicle charging industry's continued implementation of interoperable charging communications and to provide an update on ISO 15118 developments. CEC staff will also summarize their February 2024 Updated Recommendation on ISO 15118 Ready Chargers. ○ Public Workshop: May 13 from 9:00 – 11:15 am ○ Written comments due May 31 by 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com
ACWA COMMENT LETTERS • California Department of Fish and Wildlife Southern California Steelhead (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) Status Review Submission to Commission, Fish and Game Commission, April 4, 2024	

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