



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP

ACWA 
SEPTEMBER 2024

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 5 / Program and Tour / September 13 at 9:00 am / Register [here](#).

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

PRIORITY Bay-Delta Plan: Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes • On August 16, the Department of Water Resources (DWR), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and public water agencies participating in the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes provided Common Responses to address questions raised by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and members of the public.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
California Stream Gage Improvement Program • On August 15, DWR announced a new partnership opportunity through the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (Program). As part of the \$7 million program, DWR is seeking to partner with public agencies to install, upgrade and/or reactivate existing stream gage stations. Information about eligibility and application processes can be found in the program Guidelines.	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Delta Conveyance Project • On August 1, the State Water Board released a Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the Delta Conveyance Project. The hearing will address DWR's water right change petitions to add new points of diversion and redirection to the water rights associated with the State Water Project (SWP), whether to approve the petitions, and if so, what terms and conditions to include in the amended permits. ○ Public hearing: January 16	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
PRIORITY Direct Potable Reuse • On August 8, the State Water Board announced the Office of Administrative Law's approval of the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Regulations (Regulations) that were adopted by the State Water Board on December 19, 2023. The Regulations will be effective on October 1, 2024. Additional information can be found here.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com 
Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative • The Drought Resilience Interagency and Partners Collaborative will hold a series of workgroup meetings to review, provide feedback on, and identify an approach for finalizing draft recommendations.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com

○ Joint Drought-Relevant Data and Drought Definition and Narrative workgroup meeting: September 3 at 1:00 pm ○ Drought Preparedness for Domestic Wells workgroup meeting: September 4 at 1:00 pm	
Flood Diversions for Groundwater Recharge • On Aug 28, the State Water Board released a Notice of Staff Workshop on Flood Diversions for Groundwater Recharge. The Staff Workshop will provide an overview of Water Code 1242.1 in terms of flood diversions for groundwater recharge. ○ Staff workshop: October 9 at 10:00 am	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Intended Use Plan: Clean Water State Revolving Fund • On August 6, the State Water Board adopted the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP). The CWSRF outlines the plan for administering the CWSRF and projects eligible for financing.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Intended Use Plan: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund • On August 20, the State Water Board adopted the final FY 2024-25 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) IUP. The DWSRF IUP outlines the plan for administering the DWSRF and projects eligible for financing.	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance • On August 23, DWR released a Notice of Second 15-day Public Comment Period for the Rulemaking on the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). DWR is proposing additional amendments to MWELO to resolve ambiguities, provide clarity, and improve organization. ○ Written comments due September 9 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Water Measurement and Reporting Regulation • The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Cooperative Extensive service will offer a Water Measurement and Reporting workshop designed for parties who divert, or are authorized to divert, 100 acre-feet per year or more under the Water Measurement and Reporting Regulation adopted pursuant to Senate Bill 88. ○ Training workshop: September 13 at 1:00 pm	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com
Water Storage Investment Program • On July 31, DWR released a Notice of Certification for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Pulse Flows Component of the Water Storage Investment Program Groundwater Projects (Pulse Flows Component). The Pulse Flows Component aims to improve habitat, spawning, and migration conditions for native fish species while minimizing impacts on SWP operations and water supplies. DWR will file a Notice of Determination at the State Clearinghouse once a decision to participate in one or more of the projects has been made.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
2025 Research and Alliance Grants Program • On August 13, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation opened the solicitation period for its 2025 Research and Alliance Grants Program	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

(Program). The Program will offer up to \$1.9 million to eligible projects that align with California’s goal of transitioning to a systemwide adoption of safer, more sustainable pest management and uplift objectives in the Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap. ○ Applications for Research Grants due September 19 ○ Applications for Alliance Grants due November 21	
Delta Drought Response Pilot Program • On July 24, the Delta Conservancy released a Report on the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program for Water Year 2023 (Report). The Report evaluates and analyzes whether changing specific field management practices could result in water savings, protect water quality, mitigate potential drought impacts on fish and migratory birds, and promote soil health.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
Groundwater Sustainability Plans • On July 17, DWR announced the opening of a 60-day comment period for seven resubmitted groundwater sustainability plans (GSP) that were previously deemed incomplete. Information on how to comment on the GSPs can be found here. ○ Written comments due September 16	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
Kern Subbasin Staff Report • On July 25, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity to Provide Feedback, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for the Proposed Designation of Kern County Subbasin as a Probationary Basin. The State Water Board will not decide on a probationary designation for Kern County Subbasin prior to the Public Board Hearing, but it will accept input on the Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Draft Staff Report. ○ Written comments due September 23 at 12:00 pm ○ Public board hearing: February 20 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
Tule Subbasin Staff Report • On August 30, the State Water Board released the Final Tule Subbasin Probationary Hearing Staff Report (Final Staff Report). The Final Staff Report recommends that the Tule Subbasin be designated as probationary and identifies specific deficiencies in the Tule Subbasin 2022 GSP along with potential corrective actions to address them. If placed on probation, the subbasin will have one year to address and resolve these deficiencies. ○ Public board hearing: September 17 at 9:00 am ○ Written comments due May 7 at 12:00 pm	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
WATER QUALITY	
2024 Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and Policies • On August 15, the State Water Board released a Notice of Commencement of 2024 Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality Control (2024 Review) (State Plans and Policies). The 2024 Review will solicit public input in identifying potential	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

changes or additions that will help guide the State Water Board's priorities for future amendments to the State Plans and Policies and with ongoing rulemakings. A separate public notice regarding written comment period and public hearing will be released at a later date.

Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit

- On August 1, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments and Public Workshops for the Informal Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems](#) (Informal Draft Permit). The [Informal Draft Permit](#) requires regulated entities to address six minimum control measures and includes updates, revisions, and implementation requirements.
 - Virtual workshop: September 3 at 1:00 pm
 - In-person workshop: September 5 at 9:00 am
 - Written comments due October 4 at 12:00 pm

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White Sturgeon Status Review

- On August 29, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife began [soliciting](#) data and comments on the petitioned action to list white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act. CDFW has until July 12, 2025, to conduct a status review that will inform the Fish and Game Commission's final decision on whether to list the species as threatened.
 - Data and comments due October 31

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ENERGY

PRIORITY Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

- The California Air Resources Board will host [Truck Regulation Implementation Group Meetings](#) in September to continue discussion of Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation implementation. Meeting topics will include rule provisions and infrastructure.
 - [Rule provisions workshop](#): September 4 at 1:00 pm
 - [Infrastructure workshop](#): September 5 at 10:00 am

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Utility Wildfire General Order

- On August 23, the State Water Board released a [Revised Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, Staff-Level Workshop, and Board Hearing on the Draft Utility Wildfire and Similar Operations and Maintenance Activities Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements General Order \(Utility Wildfire General Order\) and Associated California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Impact Report](#) (Revised Notice). The draft Utility Wildfire General Order covers electric utility wildfire prevention, response, and other similar routine operation and maintenance activities that may cause or threaten to cause a discharge of waste into waters of the state. The Revised Notice extends the written comment period.
 - Written comments due September 13 at 12:00 pm

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