



State Water Resources Control Board

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

This meeting will occur via <u>remote presence only</u> as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR THE STATE WATER BOARD'S DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DFA) TO DISCUSS THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) AND DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) INTENDED USE PLANS (IUPS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board's DFA will be conducting a public workshop and webinar to discuss the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-21 (Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020) IUP for the CWSRF, including a supplemental IUP for the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (ASADRA), and revised guidelines for the Small Community Grant Fund (SCG) Program Guidelines, and for the DWSRF, including a supplemental IUP for the ASADRA, and revised Guidelines for Proposition (Prop) 1 and Prop 68.

This is an opportunity to hear about the changes to the CWSRF and DWSRF Programs in this year's IUPs and ask questions about the proposed changes. The workshop will also provide the status of the Programs, the proposed schedule for the State Water Board's consideration and approval of the IUPs, and the Division's implementation plans. Below you will find details to the workshop:

Division of Financial Assistance Wednesday April 29, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Remote Participation Only

If you wish to watch the meeting: A webcast will be available at video.calepa.ca.gov/ and should be used UNLESS you intend to provide comments or ask questions orally during the workshop. Click on the video icon under the corresponding date and event. Please note that the link to the webcast will be available a few minutes before the workshop begins. You may submit questions online during the live webcast via email. For questions regarding the CWSRF IUP, please email CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "CWSRF 2020-21 IUP"

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Workshop". For questions regarding the DWSRF IUP, please email DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "DWSRF 2020-21 IUP Workshop."

If you wish to participate and ask questions or make comments orally during the webcast: You must register in advance to participate at https://swrcb.eventbrite.com. Additional instructions will be provided to those registered through Eventbrite.

MEETING MATERIALS

DFA anticipates posting the Draft 2020-21 CWSRF and DWSRF IUPs and a *Notice of Opportunity to Comment* for the proposed adoption around mid-April 2020 on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public notices/comments/index.shtml.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN the workshop/webcast is for informational purposes and no formal action will be taken. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take formal action at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

To participate in the webinar: You must register using the Eventbrite link above and follow the instructions provided through the Eventbrite registration.

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

BACKGROUND

The CWSRF program provides low-cost financing statewide for wastewater treatment and recycling, non-point source, estuary, storm water, and combined sewer system projects. The SCG program supplements the CWSRF program, providing grants through Prop 1, and other sources to small disadvantaged communities and small severely disadvantaged communities for wastewater projects.

The CWSRF IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for the CWSRF and the associated funding programs for SFY 2020-21, including revised SCG Guidelines. It specifically identifies the available funding, the projects eligible for financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the programs' performance.

The DWSRF program provides low-cost financing to public water systems statewide to address drinking water quality and capacity issues. It also subsidizes a portion of California's public water system supervision program under the Division of Drinking Water.

The Prop 1 and Prop 68 Drinking Water programs provide funding for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water

standards, to ensure affordable drinking water, or both. Prop 1 and Prop 68 Drinking Water funds will be administered consistent with the DWSRF IUPs, the DWSRF Policy, and the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Fund Expenditure Policy and Plan to the extent allowed by federal regulations and state law.

The IUP outlines the State Water Board's business plan for the SRF programs as well as the funding sources that complement the SRF programs during SFY 2020-21. It identifies the available funding, the projects the State Water Board anticipates financing, the associated financing terms, and the measures that will be used to track the programs' performance.

The IUPs are required by federal statutes and regulations and will be included in the applications submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the FFY 2020 SRF Capitalization and ASADRA Grants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Tatiana Guillen at Tatiana.Guillen@waterboards.ca.gov.

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