



State Water Resources Control Board

April 16, 2024, Tulare Lake Probationary Hearing Agenda

The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) will hold a public hearing on April 16, 2024, to consider whether to designate the Tulare Lake Subbasin as a probationary basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). See the [Tulare Lake Probationary Hearing notice](#) for information on parking and accessibility for the hearing.

This hearing agenda describes the expected order of events for the hearing, which constitutes one item at the April 16, 2024, Board Meeting. The hearing may start as early as, but not before, 9:30 AM. Time limits, breaks, panels included, and the order of events may change at the discretion of the Board Chair. Board questions and discussions may occur throughout.

Hearing Agenda

1. Public Comments by elected officials or California Native American Tribes
2. Presentation of Board Staff Recommendations
3. Panel Presentation by Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

Break

4. Other Panels Specific to the Tulare Lake Subbasin (see "How to Participate" below)
5. General Public Comment
6. Board discussion and potential vote on probationary designation

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How to Participate

The State Water Board will hold the public hearing at the time and location noted below. There are also options to participate remotely. If you are participating remotely and would like to make a public comment or are part of a panel presentation, see the instructions below. If you do not wish to speak, the English and Spanish webcasts of the public hearing with closed captioning can be accessed at video.calepa.ca.gov.

Public Board Hearing

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

In-Person Location

Coastal Hearing Room
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Spanish interpretation will be provided. For language services other than Spanish, please contact 916.341-5254 or OPP-LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov

Public Comments. To ensure a productive, efficient, and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will be limited to up to five minutes per speaker unless otherwise directed. If there are a large number of commenters, speakers may be asked to shorten their comments to accommodate all speakers.

To provide a comment remotely: Before or on the day of the public Board hearing, fill out our online form at bit.ly/speaker-card-form. Note: the form will not accept responses until April 10, 2024, at 8:00 am. The Board Clerk will provide you with Zoom login information in advance of the meeting. For more information about participating remotely, please visit bit.ly/providingcomments.

Panels. If you are part of a group that plans to make related or similar comments specific to the potential probationary designation or to groundwater management in the Tulare Lake subbasin, we encourage you to apply to provide your comments as a panel. Panel presentations will be limited to up to twenty minutes unless otherwise directed. To request to make a panel presentation in person or remotely (or a combination of those), please email sgma@waterboards.ca.gov as soon as possible but no later than noon on April 10, 2024. The email should have the subject line, "Panel Request – Tulare Lake Probationary Hearing," and should indicate all of the following:

1. the theme of the proposed panel
2. the name of each presenter
3. the entity or entities being represented, if applicable
4. whether you intend to use a PowerPoint presentation and, if you do, whether you intend to have the slides translated yourself (see below)

Only one form needs to be submitted for each proposed panel presentation.

PowerPoint presentations must be submitted to sgma@waterboards.ca.gov and must be translated into Spanish. The Board may translate slides upon request and if given sufficient time. The deadlines for emailing PowerPoint presentations to the Board are:

- If the **Board** translates the slides: no later than noon on March 27, 2024
- If you submit slides in both Spanish and English: no later than noon on April 10, 2024

Presentations must be in PowerPoint format and should not include any animations, transitions, or external media sources.