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State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINARS**  
**Remote Participation Only**

**SAFER: Overview of Proposed Updates to the Drinking Water Cost Assessment Model**

**Workshop 3: Other Essential Infrastructure, Administrative Needs, and Interim Solutions**

**Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

**Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public webinar to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about and provide feedback on the overview of the proposed Drinking Water Cost Assessment Model updates.

**If you wish to watch the meeting:** A webcast will be available at [video.calepa.ca.gov/](https://video.calepa.ca.gov/) and should be used unless you intend to discuss an agenda item.

**If you wish to discuss an agenda item or ask a question:** Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting platform is available in the public comment section of this notice ([below](#)).

**MEETING MATERIALS**

Meeting materials and details on remote participation will be available online at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/needs.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/needs.html)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to discuss agenda items via videoconference or telephonically. Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

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## **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

Spanish language interpretation can be provided for the webinar. If you require Spanish-language interpretation, please email a request to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 business days before the meeting.

If you require interpretation for a language other than Spanish or if you require sign language services, please email a request to [safer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:safer@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 business days before the meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

The State Water Board is implementing the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program with a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to ensure that the approximately one million Californians who currently lack safe drinking water receive safe and affordable drinking water as soon as possible.

The SAFER Program is responsible for conducting an annual Needs Assessment, which consists of three components: (1) Affordability Assessment, (2) Risk Assessment, and (3) Cost Assessment. Results of the Needs Assessment are used to inform the prioritization of projects in the annual Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

The State Water Board's Needs Analysis Unit in the Division of Drinking Water leads the implementation of the Needs Assessment in coordination with the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Financial Assistance (DFA).

## **PURPOSE**

This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about and contribute to the State Water Board's proposed updates to the Cost Assessment Model for estimating interim and/or emergency measures and long-term solutions for failing public water systems, at-risk public water systems, at-risk state small water systems, and domestic wells.

Specifically, this workshop will focus on the methods and cost assumptions associated with estimating other essential infrastructure needs and managerial support through an Administrator and/or technical assistance and providing interim and/or emergency measures.

The State Water Board will be hosting the last of three workshops in 2023 to solicit public input on enhancements and updates to the Cost Assessment Model:

- **Workshop 1:** Physical consolidation GIS analysis and cost assumptions
- **Workshop 2:** Modeled treatment methodologies and cost assumptions
- **Workshop 3:** Other Essential Infrastructure, Administrative Needs, and Interim Solutions.

## AGENDA

Items on this Agenda are numbered for identification purposes only.

1. Overview of Needs Assessment
2. Proposed Updates to the Cost Assessment Model
3. Summary of Proposed Updates to the additional modeled long-term solutions and emergency solutions cost assumptions.
4. Public feedback

## ACCESSIBILITY

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## FUTURE NOTICES

The State Water Board will hold the public webinar at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, or place of the webinar will be noticed through the SAFER e-mail distribution list. Any person interested in receiving future notices, including any changes to this notice of public webinars, must sign up for the e-mail distribution list using the [subscription form](#). Select the box for “SAFER Drinking Water” (located within the section entitled “General Interests”), and provide the required information.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to [ddw-safer-nau@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ddw-safer-nau@waterboards.ca.gov).

November 29, 2023  
Date

  
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