



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 STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2021-22 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 SFY 2021-22 (Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021) CWSRF IUP and revised Small Community Wastewater (SCWW) Funding Guidelines and the DWSRF IUP and revised Guidelines for Proposition (Prop) 1 and Prop 68. The DWSRF IUP also includes an updated supplemental IUP for the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (ASADRA).

This is an opportunity to hear about the changes to the CWSRF, the DWSRF, and their complementary 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 IUP Workshop and Webinar Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Remote Participation Only

If you wish to watch the meeting: A webcast will be available at wideo.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 2021-22 IUP Workshop." For questions regarding the DWSRF IUP,

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please email <u>DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov</u> with the subject line "DWSRF 2021-22 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 2021-22 CWSRF and DWSRF IUPs and the associated *Notices of Opportunity to Comment* for the proposed adoptions by mid-April 2021 on the State Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/grants loans/

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.

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 SCWW funding supplements the CWSRF program, providing grants through Prop 1, Prop 68, and other sources to small disadvantaged communities and small severely disadvantaged communities for wastewater projects.

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 IUPs outline the State Water Board's business plans for the SRF programs as well as the funding sources that complement the SRF programs during SFY 2021-22. 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 2021 SRF Capitalization and ASADRA Grants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Elisabeth Brown at <u>Elisabeth.Brown@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or Elnaz Nasaei at <u>Elnaz.Nasaei@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

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