



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group will hold its first meeting of 2024. A quorum of State Water Resources Control Board members may be present, but no action will be taken.

SAFER Drinking Water Program

Advisory Group Meeting and Onboarding Session

February 13, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

AND

IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION (Optional)

CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE OPTION

To watch the meeting, join video.calepa.ca.gov.

PURPOSE

The SAFER Advisory Group will hold its first meeting of 2024. The meeting will onboard new members, give an overview of team member roles, and introduce members to available resources and support. There also will be an opportunity for members to get to know each other and meet State Water Board staff. Items on this agenda are numbered for identification purposes only; the SAFER Advisory Group may consider the items out of the listed order.

AGENDA

1. Water Boards overview
2. SAFER drinking water program overview
3. Public comment
4. Collaboration session
5. SAFER Advisory Group legal obligations, charter, role, and expectations

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING LOGISTICS

- To watch the meeting online, use the following webcast link: video.calepa.ca.gov.
- To comment on an agenda item, see the Public Comment section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SAFER Advisory Group meetings are open to the public. Members of the public will be provided with an opportunity to comment on agenda items virtually or in person. Public comments on agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes.

To speak on an agenda item, please send an email to safer@waterboards.ca.gov with the following information:

1. In the email subject line, write “**SAFER Advisory Group Meeting Comment**”
2. In the body of the email, please include the following:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Who you represent (self, another person, an organization, etc.)
 - c. The agenda item number or topic you wish to speak on
 - d. If you want to speak or if you want your comment read aloud by staff instead
 - e. The last three digits of the phone number you will be calling from

The meeting coordinator will respond to your email with instructions.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This meeting will be offered in English and Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language or sign language services, please use **one** of the following options by February 2, 2024:

- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 445-5615
- Email the Office of Public Participation at safer@waterboards.ca.gov

WEBCAST ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will be webcast in English and Spanish at video.calepa.ca.gov. Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

MEETING MATERIALS

Meeting details and materials will be available online on the SAFER calendar webpage: waterboards.ca.gov/safer/calendar.

BACKGROUND

This meeting is part of the State Water Board’s Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) drinking water program, generally referred to as SAFER.

The SAFER drinking water program is designed to ensure Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible. The SAFER drinking water program is helping water systems achieve this goal through a set of tools, funding sources, regulatory authorities, and community outreach and education.

The SAFER Advisory Group is a consultative body that advises the Board on the SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan, and other key analyses and policies as needed. The SAFER Advisory Group does not make decisions or come to consensus on discussion topics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about this notice, email safer@waterboards.ca.gov.

To learn more about the SAFER Drinking Water program, visit waterboards.ca.gov/safer.

January 11, 2024
Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board