
State Water Resources Control Board

State Water Resources Control Board Public Water System – Risk Indicators Needs Assessment Workshop

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received [funding authorization](#) to perform a Needs Analysis of drinking water systems, and make determinations regarding the state of drinking water in California. Staff of the State Water Board will be conducting three public workshops as an opportunity to inform ourselves, and other interested parties, of similar work of being conducted by other drinking water experts to ensure that the funding is utilized in the most efficient manner possible. This workshop is the first of the series, and the content of each subsequent workshop will be different. The workshops will also provide interested persons and the public an opportunity to provide input to staff. While a quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at the workshops, these will be informational workshops only, and the State Water Board will take no formal action.

Public Water System – Risk Indicators Workshop

While most public water systems¹ in California meet water quality standards, there are some that do not serve safe drinking water. Public water systems that have water quality violations will be included in the Needs Assessment. However, in addition to current violations, some systems lack the technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity to operate in a sustainable manner. The public water system workshop will focus on developing criteria that can be utilized to identify unsustainable drinking water systems so that they may be included in the Needs Assessment. The public water system workshop will be held:

Friday, January 11, 2019 from 10 am -4 pm
Byron Sher Auditorium
Cal/EPA Headquarters, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Public Water System Workshop Agenda
January 11, 2019

¹ [2017 Annual Compliance Report for Public Water Systems](#)

A video broadcast will be available at the following website for the duration of the workshop: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. Presentations will be available within 3 days at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/wpc_events.html. Email comments from remote viewers will be accepted during the workshop at auditorium@calepa.ca.gov. The agenda for the workshop is provided below. Presentations are estimated to be approximately 20-25 minutes in length.

Workshop Agenda

- Introduction & Purpose of Needs Assessment Funding
Darrin Polhemus, P.E. Deputy Director, SWRCB-Division of Drinking Water (DDW)
- State Water Board, Financial Capacity Pilot Study
Karen Nishimoto, P.E. Water Resource Control Engineer, SWRCB-DDW
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)
Karen McBride and Katrina Hiott, Rural Development Specialists
- California Rural Water Association (CRWA)
Holly Alpert, Ph.D., IRWMP Coordinator
- University of California, Davis & Community Water Center
Amanda Fencl, Ph.D. candidate and Researcher
- Morning Speaker Panel for short Question and Answer, as time allows
- Lunch Break (*estimated 12pm to 1pm*)
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
Carolina Balazs, Ph.D., Research Scientist
(Reference OEHHA's [Human Right to Water Framework Report: January 3, 2019](#))
- Pacific Institute
Laura Feinstein, Ph.D., Senior Researcher
- University of North Carolina, Environmental Finance Center
Jeff Hughes, Director
- University of California, Los Angeles—Luskin Center for Innovation
Greg Pierce, Ph.D., Associate Director of Research
- Speaker Panel Available for Discussion, Public Input, and Closing Statements

Subsequent Workshops

The Needs Assessment will explore potential remedies for threatened domestic wells, such as installing treatment or connection to a nearby water system. To ensure these potential needs are assessed, the State Water Board is holding a second workshop focused on the state of domestic wells in California. The State Water Board is aware of multiple agencies and groups working on this topic, and this workshop will provide an opportunity to understand the current state of research and potential for collaboration.

Additional agenda information and speaker information will be provided in a subsequent announcement.

The domestic well focused workshop will be held:

**Friday, January 18, 2019 from 10 am - 4 pm
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A **third workshop** will be conducted later in 2019 focused on evaluating methods for determining the capital costs and long-term operation and maintenance costs of addressing those water systems and domestic wells identified during the Needs Assessment process. The workshop will also evaluate assumptions regarding options for physical and managerial consolidation as opposed to treatment and/or infrastructure replacement. The date of the third workshop will be provided in a subsequent announcement. If you have any questions or comments about the workshops, please contact Michelle Frederick at michelle.frederick@waterboards.ca.gov.

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<https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>

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