

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION ON WATER MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING REGULATION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO 2015 SENATE BILL 88

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) staff will hold a virtual listening session to receive public input on the water measurement and reporting regulation adopted pursuant to 2015 Senate Bill 88 (SB-88). During the listening session, there will be a short staff presentation on the background, purpose, and requirements of the measurement and reporting regulation followed by an opportunity for public input and questions.

Remote Participation Only

Thursday, August 3, 2023

12:00 – 4:00 PM

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

California's recent droughts have highlighted the need for high-quality water diversion data. Codified in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 931-938, SB-88 requires that diverters above a certain size measure and report their diversion volumes to the Board. While the regulation has been in effect for several years, compliance with the requirements remains low, and the quality of diversion data submitted pursuant to the regulation is highly variable.

Board staff are evaluating ways to increase compliance and data quality. Options include developing formal guidance to clarify regulatory requirements, developing templates, and updating or modifying the current regulations. State Water Board staff are soliciting public feedback and input on the SB-88 measurement and reporting requirements, and are offering a virtual comment and listening session for the public to share their feedback.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

If you wish to attend the virtual listening session, you must submit the following online form by **noon on July 31, 2023**: [Registration Form](#). Staff will respond to your form with the information needed to join the virtual listening session via Zoom.

Please indicate on the online form if you wish to make a PowerPoint presentation during the virtual listening session. PowerPoint presentations are required to be

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submitted to DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **noon on July 31, 2023**. Presentations must be in PowerPoint format and should not include any animations, transitions, or external media sources. Please be aware that State Water Board staff will project and advance PowerPoint slides. Presentations are limited to no more than 10 minutes. If there are many commenters, speakers may be asked to shorten their comments to accommodate all speakers. If necessary, additional listening sessions may be scheduled to accommodate all individuals wishing to participate.

State Water Board staff will also be holding an in-person listening session at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters covering the same information for those who prefer that format. More information about that session will be provided in a separate notice.

If you have any questions regarding how to participate in the listening session, please send an email to DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information regarding the measurement and reporting of water diversions, visit the Board's [Water Measurement Regulation](#) website. To receive updated information, including future notices regarding this topic, it is strongly encouraged that you subscribe to the Water Measurement list on the [State Water Board's Email Lists webpage](#).

CONTACT

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact staff at DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov prior to the webinar. If you have any questions regarding this notice or related efforts, you may send an email to DWR-Measurement@waterboards.ca.gov.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

If you require interpretation or translation in a language other than English or would like to request sign language services, please contact us at (916) 341-5254 or OPP-LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov before July 19, 2023.