

State Water Resources Control Board

GROUNDWATER QUALITY FUNDING SCOPING MEETINGS: PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AND SB 445 SITE CLEANUP SUBACCOUNT PROGRAMS

(May 22, 2015)

Fresno

June 2, 2015 at 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Central Valley Regional Water
Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Kings Conference Room
Fresno, CA 93706

Sacramento

June 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Coastal Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Southern California

June 8, 2015 at 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Los Angeles Regional Water
Quality Control Board
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Carmel Room
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Southern California

June 9, 2015 at 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

- State Water Board's Groundwater Quality Funding
- How Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability and SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount (SCAP) funding programs work together
- Timeline for development of funding programs, project solicitation, grant agreements
- Eligible applicants and projects
 - Solicit input on scope of the Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability and SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount programs
- How and when to apply for funding
 - Solicit input on GWQF Pre-Application

SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP)

The SCAP is unique because SB 445 allows for applicants who are not typically eligible to apply for grant agreements, such as private companies and individuals. It requires the State Water Board to consider whether there are alternative sources of funding for projects, so that the SCAP can focus on projects where no other funding options are available. SCAP projects are likely to be smaller than many projects funded by bonds and state revolving funds. There are at least two types of projects that are likely to present themselves when project solicitation occurs: (1) Projects to address contaminated drinking water of unregulated sources, such as contaminated drinking water supplies with less than 15 connections; and (2) Projects to cleanup sources of contamination at

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“orphan sites”. SB 445 requires that the eligible projects responsible party does not have the financial resources to implement a remedy.

Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program

Proposition 1 was passed by voters in November 2014 and provided \$900 million for a groundwater sustainability program (Assembly Bill 1471, Chapter 10). The State Water Board will administer \$800 million to prevent and cleanup contamination of groundwater that serves (or has served) as a source of drinking water. The funds can be provided as grants or loans. Eligible applicants are public agencies, tribes, public utilities, non-profits, and mutual water companies. Proposition 1 provides project prioritization criteria including threat to drinking water supply; potential for contamination to spread to nearby population areas; potential to enhance local water supplies; potential to recharge vulnerable, high-use basins; and projects for which there are no responsible parties or the responsible parties are unwilling/unable to pay for the cleanup. Workshop participants will be asked for input on the scope of funding guidelines that staff will draft for further public review and input. The funding guidelines will be used as the basis for soliciting and selecting projects for Proposition 1 funding.

Where to get more information:

Groundwater quality funding (GWQF) information is available on the DFA website. The information describes and compares the funding programs, eligibility requirements, and timelines.

GWQF Fact Sheet:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/groundwater_quality_funding.pdf

GWQF PowerPoint:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/scap/docs/gwq_funding_0315.pdf

SCAP Fact Sheet:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/scap_factsheet.pdf

Sign-up for Email alerts for "Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance":

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

How to contact us:

Email: gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov

Message phone: 1-800-813-Fund (3863)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Sacramento Scoping Meeting:

Video broadcast of Sacramento Scoping Meeting is available at:
<http://calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>.

For a map to the Cal/EPA building, visit:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. For security purposes, all visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to entering the building. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level so please allow up to 15 minutes for this process. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Leslie .

Send questions to: gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov.