

Instructions for Joining the Salton Sea Virtual Public Workshops on September 22-24, 2020

Please check this page regularly and again before the start of the workshops as it will be updated with additional information to facilitate the public's participation in the workshops.

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Zoom Meeting Information

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 982 3799 2567

Zoom Link: <https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/j/98237992567>

Teleconference Number for English (Toll-free): [888-278-0296](tel:888-278-0296)

Access code: 596019

Teleconference Number for Spanish (Toll-free): [888-363-4734](tel:888-363-4734)

Access Code: 1738252

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 937 1131 4339

Zoom Link: <https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/j/93711314339>

Teleconference Number for English (Toll-free): [888-278-0296](tel:888-278-0296)

Access code: 596019

Teleconference Number for Spanish (Toll-free): [888-363-4734](tel:888-363-4734)

Access Code: 1738252

Thursday, September 24, 2020

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 937 1131 4339

Zoom Link: <https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/j/93711314339>

Teleconference Number for English (Toll-free): [888-278-0296](tel:888-278-0296)

Access code: 596019

Teleconference Number for Spanish (Toll-free): [888-363-4734](tel:888-363-4734)

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Captioning will also be provided in English.

Background

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#), these Salton Sea Management Program public workshops will occur solely via remote presence by video and teleconference. There will not be a physical public access location. The California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are conducting the SSMP workshops this way to protect public health by avoiding public gatherings and requiring social distancing. At the same time, the State Team remains steadfast in its goals to promote transparency and public participation. The workshops will have simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish and vice-versa. Members of the public will be able to listen to and watch the workshops and comment if desired. In addition to the public workshops, written comments on the Project Description will be accepted through Sept. 30 at cnra-saltonsea@resources.ca.gov.

The State Team requests your patience and cooperation as we navigate through this alternative step. While every effort has been made to ensure that these workshops run smoothly and seamlessly, there may be technical issues and human error. We will attempt to correct any issues that arise as soon as we can.

Instructions on using Zoom

Joining the workshops via Zoom Webinar on your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

The State will be using the videoconferencing platform Zoom Webinar. If this is your first time using Zoom, you'll be prompted to download an application file. Learn how to join a Zoom meeting [here](#). If you are familiar with Zoom, the Webinar may look and feel a little bit different than your usual meetings. Upon joining the call, your ability to speak and turn on your camera may be limited. The State team will have the ability to be seen and heard. Members of the public will be able to watch the meeting and ask questions via the Q&A feature and by using the "raise hand" feature to speak during the public comment period.

A few ways to optimize your participation during the workshop:

- Remote meetings often lack the same visual and social cues available during public, in-person meetings. Please be respectful and patient so all interested commenters can be fairly heard.
- If you are able, please join the workshop 5-10 minutes before the scheduled start to ensure you can resolve any technical issues. You will initially be in a virtual waiting room, and will remain there until the start of the workshop.
- You do not need to create a Zoom account to participate in the workshop. The direct web link or Meeting ID will be all you need to join the meeting, but you will need to enter your name so the State Team can identify and unmute you from the speaker queue.
- You do not need to install software on your computer to participate. The Zoom service can run within an existing web browser.
- Downloading the Zoom software may, however, provide a superior meeting experience for you. You can download the Zoom client in advance at: <https://zoom.us/download>
- Familiarize yourself with the Zoom features here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>
- If possible, please join using a computer to maximize participation.
- If you have low bandwidth, please connect your audio via phone. You can still join using your computer while connecting your voice with the English or Spanish teleconference phone number.
- Regardless of whether you participate via phone, computer, tablet, or mobile device, please participate from a quiet environment so that the State Team can hear you when you are called to speak. If you are using the internet to connect to the meeting, try to ensure you have a good connection or strong signal.
- It is important to avoid creating acoustic feedback. If there are other devices near you that are tuned into the meeting, please make sure that the speaker volume of those devices is turned off when it is your turn to participate.
- The State Team will maintain order during the workshop as is customary in public meetings, and individuals who are disruptive may be removed from the remote meeting service or have their connection muted.
- ****Please ensure the latest update of Zoom has been installed on your device.****

We'll review features of the Webinar format and how to participate at the start of the meeting. If you'd like to orient yourself to Zoom Webinars, learn about [joining and participating in a webinar as an attendee](#). (Please note: All webinar functions are customizable by account, so ours might not look exactly as described in this article.)

If you have any questions about getting started with Zoom, please contact Josh Zipperman by phone at: (323) 351-4252.

Guidelines for Providing Public Comments via Zoom

During the workshops, you may ask a question by utilizing Zoom's Q&A feature. The State Team will respond as appropriate and then share the question and answer with all participants.

During the public comment period, if you wish to speak, you must utilize Zoom's "raise hand" feature. The "raise hand" button can be found on the Zoom Webinar window (for more information, please [visit Zoom's Help Page](#)). The State Team will take public comments one at a time and will announce the name of the person that raised their hand before unmuting them to speak. Please note that there will be a maximum three minute time limit on verbal comments; however the amount of time could change at the State Team's discretion—if there are many participants wishing to speak the time limit may be reduced in order to provide opportunity for more participants.

Guidelines for Participating & Providing Public Comments via Telephone

You can participate by calling into the workshops with separate lines in English and Spanish. If you join before the host, you will be notified to please wait for the host to join.

The teleconference line in English allows for you to dial #2 to "raise your hand" to show that you wish to speak. Your phone number will not be visible to others. When it is your turn to speak, the host will call out the last three digits of your phone number. When you start your comment, please state your first and last name for the record. Please note that there may be a slight delay between the webinar and the phone audio so it is best if you mute the webinar if you are calling in to comment by phone.

Due to limitations with the software, the teleconference line in Spanish line does not have the "raise your hand" feature to show when you wish to speak. During public comments, all callers on the teleconference line in Spanish will be unmuted and allowed to comment in an orderly fashion.

As stated above, there will be a three minute time limit on verbal comments; however the amount of time could change at the State Team's discretion in order to allow for more participants to speak.

If anything is unclear or if you have trouble with Zoom, please contact Josh Zipperman by phone at: (323) 351-4252.