

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
REVISED LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
GUIDELINES**

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides financial assistance to low-income Californians to help manage their residential water utility costs. California was allocated \$116 million in one-time federal funding for LIHWAP under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) has been the designated administering agency for LIHWAP in California since its launch in June of this year.

CSD is proposing to modify program eligibility to expand LIHWAP assistance to households seeking financial assistance for water and/or wastewater bills that do not have an arrearage and are current on their bill. Financial assistance for eligible households with current bills will be structured to ensure households with the lowest incomes receive the highest level of assistance.

CSD will hold a remote Public Meeting on November 29, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the updated LIHWAP Program Guidelines. A copy of the revised LIHWAP Program Guidelines is available at <https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx>.

Interested parties have the opportunity to review and submit comments on the Revised LIHWAP Program Guidelines until 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2022. The deadline to submit comments has been extended from the originally announced deadline of November 29, 2022.

Comments may be submitted during the webinar, via email to LIHWAP@csd.ca.gov, or mailed to:

The Department of Community Services and Development
Attention: Sarah Nowshiravan-Burrue, Energy and Environmental Services Division
2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite #100
Sacramento, CA 95833

Please register to attend or view the webinar at <https://csd-ca.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdu6hrT8oEuP1UCB-5oRMH3O8xlq4ajc>.

For assistance or questions regarding this meeting, please contact CSD at LIHWAP@csd.ca.gov.

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Americans with Disabilities Act

Individuals who, because of a disability, need a reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting may request assistance by contacting CSD at (916) 576-7109 or emailing LIHWAP@csd.ca.gov. Requests should be made five working days in advance whenever possible.