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Surveying City Managers on Climate Change Action Planning *Complete Survey by Sept. 11*

The League of California Cities® and the Institute for Local Government (ILG) are surveying city managers regarding local climate action planning. Up to \$3 billion dollars in Cap-and-Trade emissions auction funds will be distributed over the next two years. The survey will help the League demonstrate to state government that cities are prepared to compete for a fair share of these funds, and to advocate for Cap-and-Trade programs that reflect the projects and programs that local communities have identified as a priority for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
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EPA to Host Webinar on Aug. 27 on New Clean Water Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to ensure that stakeholders understand the new federal Clean Water Rule (a.k.a. the Waters of the U.S./WOTUS rule) that will go into effect on Aug. 28. *For more, see Page 2.*



Cities Take Center Stage in Nashville

The National League of Cities is excited to invite you to Nashville this year for their annual Congress of Cities Conference — the largest gathering of city leaders in the country.
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ILG and the League would appreciate it if you or the appropriate member of your agency's staff could take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) by Friday, Sept. 11. More information on the state's Cap-and-Trade program is available on ILG's online [Cap-and-Trade Resource Center](#).

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EPA will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. PDT to provide more details on the rule. The webinar will provide a review of the final rule, answer some commonly asked questions, and discuss what to expect as the rule is implemented. Registration can be completed [online](#).

As the rule goes into effect, EPA is expected to put out a series of Q&A documents to address technical and practical questions regarding implementation of the rule. The National League of Cities (NLC) is hopeful that these documents will address the outstanding concerns that have been raised with the rule, particularly around the issues of "dry land" as it relates to the stormwater exclusion: who is responsible for determining whether a feature meets the terms of the exclusion and how should that determination be made.

The first of several expected [Q&A documents](#) is available on the EPA website.

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Nov. 4-7, come see for yourself how Nashville embraced its historic identity as a music center, and created a thriving economy that is now attracting tourists and creative young professionals alike. Learn how to develop your city's economy by capitalizing on what makes it unique in sessions such as *Financially Empowering Your Residents*, *Cutting Red Tape to Promote Business Growth*, and *Bring Your Downtown to Life!* You'll also have the opportunity to take "field trips" around Nashville with our mobile workshops.

Explore the city after the conference sessions, or extend your stay to experience it to the fullest. It's a town that harvests American music, Southern hospitality, unbelievable cuisine, and a boundless spectrum of nightlife. Come join us and together we will keep the music playing!

Register before Oct. 9 at www.nlc.org/nashville.