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City Officials Should Tweet Pictures of Local Potholes to Their Legislators

The [Fix Our Roads Coalition](#) has launched a “Tweet Your Legislator” campaign in the final two weeks of the legislative session. City officials are invited to participate and help show legislators the potholes and crumbling streets in their communities that need funding. California’s deteriorating roads cost motorists an average of \$762 per driver annual for vehicle maintenance and without additional funding, one-quarter of all local streets and roads will be in failed condition by 2024. *For more, see Page 2.*



State Water Resources Control Board Will Receive Public Comments on the Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines and Funding

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) [announced](#) an opportunity for public comments, workshops and an adoption meeting for the Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines and the Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) Funding Guidelines. Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on the Plan Guidelines and Prop. 1 Funding Guidelines. *For more, see Page 2.*



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The idea is simple: Take a picture of dilapidated roads in your area and tweet the photo to your legislators along with the following tweet: @legislators Twitterhandle Please #FixMyRoads! Support new #transportation funding, reforms and accountability. [@fixcaroads](#) #caleg.

The coalition website includes a page that has instructions that includes a search function to locate your legislators, [sample tweets](#) for each legislator and a link to [Twitter](#).

The League of California Cities® is part of the Fix Our Roads Coalition, a broad coalition of cities, counties, labor, business and transportation advocate that formed to meet Gov. Jerry Brown's call to address California's chronic transportation infrastructure funding shortfall.

The coalition supports seven core priorities.

1. Make significant investment in transportation infrastructure;
2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system;
3. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or Cap-and-Trade revenue to high priority goods movement projects;
4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options;
5. Equal split between state and local projects;
6. Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment; and
7. Provide consistent annual funding levels.

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The purpose of the SWGP is to fund storm water and dry weather runoff projects that best advance SWRCB's policy goals of improving water quality and realizing multiple benefits from the use of storm water and dry weather runoff as a resource.

Written comments on the Draft Plan and Prop. 1 Funding Guidelines are due by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters submitted electronically must be in PDF text format (less than 15 megabytes in total size) and sent to the board clerk via [email](#). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax to (916) 341-5620. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: "Comment Letter – Storm Water Resource Plan and Proposition 1 Funding Guidelines."

The Draft Plan and Funding Guidelines are available for review [online](#).

Public Comment Meetings

The State Water Board will conduct three public outreach meetings for interested parties to provide oral comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and Draft Funding Guidelines at these meetings. Details of the public meetings are provided on the SWGP [website](#).

Meetings are scheduled in the following locations:

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Kings Conference Room
1685 E Street, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93706

Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.
Orange County Water District Office, Board Room

18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Office Room 1
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Public Workshop

The State Water Board will also hold a public board workshop to hear public comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and Draft Funding Guidelines. The workshop will be held:

Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Adoption Meeting

The State Water Board will hold a public board meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Plan Guidelines. The public board meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions regarding the Draft Plan Guidelines may be sent to [Rachael Pontious](#) at (916) 341-5523.

Please direct all questions regarding the Draft Funding Guidelines to DFA_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov.
