

Vermont Clean Water Board Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: Friday, October 11, 2024, 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Virtual Option to Attend: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Physical Location to Attend In-Person: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620-3510 in the Catamount Room (Davis Building, 2nd Floor, Room D215).

Meeting details, materials, and recordings available at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>

- 1. Welcome** **9:00–9:10**
Douglas Farnham, Agency of Administration Chief Recovery Officer and Clean Water Board Chair
 - a. Welcome and review agenda
 - b. Introduce new Clean Water Board member Jeanne Voorhees
 - c. Review consent agenda (action item)
 - i. February 14, 2024 meeting minutes
 - ii. February 2024 Clean Water Fund Operating Statement

- 2. Review State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Clean Water Budget process** **9:10–9:15**
Gianna Petito, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP) Grants Supervisor

- 3. Review Clean Water Fund operating statement** **9:15–9:25**
Nick Kramer, Department of Finance and Management Budget Analyst
 - a. Overview of updated Clean Water Fund revenue actuals and forecasts
 - b. Updated Property Transfer Tax Clean Water Surcharge revenue projection methodology
 - c. Reversion of Clean Water Fund Program Audit funds

- 4. Review draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget recommendation** **9:25–9:50**
Emily Bird, DEC CWIP Manager and Gianna Petito
 - a. Overview of draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget sheet and drafting approach
 - b. Outline of draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget Policy document
 - c. New changes in SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget

- 5. Discuss and adopt draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget to post for public comment** **9:50–10:10**
Full Board
 - a. Discussion of draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget recommendation
 - i. Financing concept for stormwater and forestry regulatory compliance
 - ii. Developing guiding principles for Clean Water Budget cost share

- b. Approval of draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget recommendation to post for public comment (action item)
- c. Draft motion: To approve the draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget recommendation to post for public comment

6. Public comment **10:10–10:20**
Douglas Farnham

7. Preview SFY 2026 budget public comment communications plan **10:20–10:25**
Colleen Miller, DEC CWIP American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coordinator

- a. Overview of public comment communications plan for increased/enhanced public/stakeholder engagement (increased outreach and plain language materials)
- b. Preview November 8, 2024 public hearing format

8. Wrap-up, summarize next steps **10:25-10:30**
Douglas Farnham

- a. Report available for review: *2024 Report on Federal Funding Related to Water Quality Improvement Efforts in Vermont* (linked below)
- b. SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget public comment period October 18-November 17, 2024
- c. November 8, 2024 SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget public hearing
- d. December 3, 2024 Clean Water Board meeting

9. Adjourn **10:30**

Supporting Materials:

1. February 14, 2024 Draft Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes (Page 1)
2. SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget Process (Page 24)
3. Clean Water Fund Operating Statement (September 30, 2024) (Page 26)
4. Draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget Sheet (October 11, 2024) (Page 27)
5. Draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget Policy Document (October 11, 2024) (Page 28)
6. Engaging the Public in the Budget Process (one-pager/slide) (Page 51)
7. [Link to 2024 Report on Federal Funding Related to Water Quality Improvement Efforts in Vermont](#)