

**Vermont Clean Water Board Meeting
State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Clean Water Budget Public Hearing Agenda**

Date/Time: Friday, November 8, 2024, 8:00 – 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. Showing of pre-recorded [State Fiscal Year \(SFY\) 2026 Clean Water Budget presentation](#) **8:00-8:45**
*Optional for those who viewed the pre-recorded presentation on their own schedule***

- 2. Welcome **8:45-8:50****
Douglas Farnham, Agency of Administration Chief Recovery Officer and Clean Water Board Chair
 - a. Review agenda

- 3. Clarifying questions and answers on draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget **8:50-9:00****
Led by Emily Bird, Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program Manager

- 4. Public comment **9:00-9:30****
Chair Farnham
 - a. Sign-up to comment by completing the [online RSVP form](#) by Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 12:00 pm.
 - b. Commenters are also encouraged to submit verbal comments in written form to ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov with subject line “11/8 Clean Water Budget Public Hearing” to ensure accuracy in Public Hearing minutes.
 - c. The Clean Water Board Chair may establish a limit of two minutes per commenter to ensure all interested parties an opportunity to comment. If needed, this “public comment” agenda item duration may be extended to ensure all interested parties an opportunity to comment.

Educational materials on the draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget are available on the [Clean Water Board webpage](#), including:

- [Draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget sheet](#)
- [Draft SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget policy document](#)
- [Clean Water Board and Budget "Story Map"](#)

- 5. Conclude public hearing, five-minute break **9:30-9:35****

- 6. Begin extended Clean Water Board meeting 9:35**
- 7. Recap October 11, 2024 Clean Water Board meeting discussion and action items 9:35-9:40**
Chair Farnham
- a. See October 11, 2024 Clean Water Board meeting minutes
 - b. Setting the stage for today's Board discussion, acknowledging ongoing public comment period
- 8. Overview of financing concept for stormwater and forestry regulatory compliance 9:40-9:45**
Gianna Petito, Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program Grants Supervisor
- 9. Report on interest income in Clean Water Fund operating statement 9:45–9:50**
Nick Kramer, Department of Finance and Management Budget Analyst
- a. Report back on projecting interest income
- 10. Continued discussion from October 11, 2024 Board meeting 9:50-10:25**
Full Board led by Chair Farnham
- a. Financing concept for stormwater and forestry regulatory compliance
 - b. Preview discussion items for upcoming Board meetings
 - i. Proposed use for projected interest income
 - ii. Legislative proposal to repeal sunset on Property Transfer Tax Clean Water Surcharge revenue stream
 - iii. Developing guiding principles for Clean Water Budget cost share
 - iv. Economic factors impacting inflation and maintenance of effort across funding streams
- 11. Wrap-up, summarize next steps 10:25-10:30**
Chair Farnham
- a. SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget public comment period October 18-November 17, 2024
 - b. December 3, 2024 Clean Water Board meeting to review public comments and make final SFY 2026 Clean Water Budget recommendation and address other Board business as time permits
 - c. February 2025 Clean Water Board meeting to review SFY 2026 Governor's recommended budget and updated Clean Water Fund Operating Statement and address other Board business
- 12. Adjourn 10:30**

Supporting Materials:

1. October 11, 2024 Draft Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes (Page 1)
2. Email from Board public member Jim Giffin on October 14, 2024 with subject "Next Board Meeting" (Page 5)
3. Pilot Financing Program Concept for Stormwater and Forestry Regulatory Compliance (Page 6)
4. December 3, 2024 Draft Clean Water Board Meeting Agenda (Page 22)