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CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY and IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

The Water Supply Strategy outlines California's strategy and priority actions to adapt and protect water supplies based on new data and accelerated climate change. To ensure California has the new water needed for generations to come, this strategy outlines four sets of actions the State will pursue, sets targets, and identifies specific implementation steps to prepare California for its new climate reality.

Seawater Desalination Provisions

The following is an update on the milestones and implementation steps since the last Executive Director's Reporting.

In December 2024, staff reviewed comments received from the public on the scope of potential amendments to the Seawater Desalination Provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California. The Department of Water Resources, Water districts, environmental groups, a tribal organization, industry-related groups, and the general public submitted comments. Comments covered a range of topics, including suggestions for how to determine need for desalination, how to assess environmental impacts, how to mitigate for impacts, how to encourage and incentivize development of new technology, how to improve permitting efficiency, and how to ensure economic and environmental impacts are equitably distributed among communities. Staff intends to follow up with interested parties to better understand concerns and suggestions and will consider integrating the concerns and suggestions into proposed amendments.

Division of Water Rights

Groundwater Recharge (*Action 2.1*)

The Division of Water Rights issued a 180-day recharge temporary permit to Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on 12/13/2024. Additional project details contained in Division of Water Rights portion of this report.

Division of Financial Assistance

Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) (*Action 1.1*)

The State Fiscal Year 2024-25 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan was adopted on August 6, 2024, and includes grant maximums for the Water Recycling Funding Program. The recently adopted 2024 Budget Act returns approximately \$74 million in grant to State Water Board to administer for water recycling projects. Staff will continue to encumber and fund project applications as they are ready to proceed.

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update: The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits: The Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits report can be accessed at the

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Wastewater and Recycled Water Volumetric Annual Reporting

The 2024 Volumetric Annual Report module opened for data submittal in January 2025 and can be accessed through the [GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information \(ESI\) portal](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/esi) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/esi>). The 2024 Volumetric Annual Report is the same format as the previous year and requires the entry of volumes in acre-feet per month for influent, effluent and if applicable, recycled water use. Additional information, including the Help Guide and Webinar training for submitting the Volumetric Annual Report, data, infographics, and interactive map for 2019-2023 data sets can be found on the [Volumetric Reporting Webpage](#).

Oil and Gas Monitoring Program

On December 12, 2024, the U.S. Geological Survey presented summaries of recently published studies for the State Water Board's Oil and Gas Regional Monitoring Program (RMP). The presentation was held virtually and available to the public at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. California Water Code section 10783 (Senate Bill 4, Pavley, statutes of 2013) required the State Water Board to implement oil and gas regional groundwater monitoring. The RMP's goal is to evaluate potential impacts from oilfield operations and characterize the risk to groundwater resources, prioritizing monitoring of groundwater that is or has the potential to be a source of drinking water. Interpretive manuscripts summarized include "Groundwater quality near the Placerita Oil Field, California, 2018", "Land-use interactions, Oil-Field infrastructure, and natural processes control hydrocarbon and arsenic concentrations in groundwater, Poso Creek Oil Field", and "Assessing potential effects of oil and gas development activities on groundwater quality near and overlying the Elk Hills and North Coles Levee Oil Fields, San Joaquin Valley, California". Questions and comments submitted by the public prior to the update were addressed during the presentation.

Draft Interim Mitigation Payment Determinations for Power Plant Once-Through Cooling Water Use

The State Water Board is providing an opportunity for written public comments on draft determinations to approve interim mitigation payments for the use of ocean or estuarine waters for power plant once-through cooling that occurred between October 2022 and September 2023. The owners and operators of eight power plants elected to comply with state interim mitigation requirements by providing annual payments to the Ocean Protection Council and State Coastal Conservancy to mitigate for the loss of marine life at cooling water intake structures. This is the first mitigation period in which new payment rates are being used. The State Water Board adopted new rates in April 2024. The total amount of draft determination payments for all eight power plants is over \$18.7 million. For more information, including the draft determinations and the due date for submitting comments, please see the [Interim Mitigation Measures webpage](#).

Cost of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Implementation

Division of Water Quality staff has developed a proposed Draft Policy for the Standardization of Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits, which would establish consistent and transparent methods for estimating and reporting Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit implementation costs. Staff released a draft policy on August 17, 2023, for a 45-day public comment period, conducted a six-month beta test from May to November 2023, and released a revised Draft Policy in May 2024 for a second round of public comments, which were due by June 25, 2024. A public Board Hearing was held on June 4, 2024. Staff released the final proposed draft Policy in December 2024 and anticipates proposing the Policy for adoption at the January 22, 2025, board meeting.

2024 Integrated Report: Partial Approval Partial Disapproval

On December 13, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) partially approved and partially disapproved the 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters (303(d) List), which is a portion of the 2024 California Integrated Report. The State Water Board adopted the 303(d) List on February 6, 2024 ([Resolution No. 2024-0007](#)).

The 2024 California Integrated Report is focused on data from waterbodies in the San Francisco Bay, Santa Ana, and Los Angeles Regional Water Boards, plus data from waterbodies within the Central Valley Regional Water Board's Sacramento River watershed. Additionally, limited data from waterbodies within the Central Coast and San Diego Regional Water Boards were assessed. Lakes, rivers, streams, and ocean waters that do not meet water quality standards are placed on the 303(d) List. Waterbody-pollutant combinations placed on the 303(d) List are prioritized for total maximum daily load (TMDL) development or other regulatory actions to reduce pollutants and attain standards.

The State Water Board added 636 new waterbody-pollutant impairment listings to the 2024 303(d) List and removed 101 listings. The majority of new impairment listings are for pesticides and metals, followed by pathogenic bacteria and nutrients.

USEPA approved the majority of the 2024 303(d) List and found that California developed its list largely consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act. Additionally, USEPA disapproved the omission of 53 waterbody-pollutant combinations and is proposing to add these impairments to the 2024 303(d) List. USEPA found the State Water Board's decision to not list 44 waterbodies for benthic community effects inconsistent with California's water quality standards. USEPA also found that 9 waterbody-pollutant combinations were erroneously classified as having an approved regulatory alternative to a TMDL, and must be included on the 303(d) List. USEPA is providing a public comment period for the 53 waterbody-pollutant combinations from December 13 to January 15, 2024. USEPA will review the comments received and affirm or change the addition to the 303(d) List. Please see the [2024 Integrated Report webpage](#) or email WQAssessment@waterboards.ca.gov for additional information.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Drought-related Items

Scott and Shasta Rivers: On February 1, 2024, the Office of Administrative Law approved an emergency regulation for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, which is effective for one year (i.e., through January 2025).

- *Curtailments.* At this time, all curtailments are suspended. Effective October 31, 2024, as ordered in [Addendum 3 to Order WR 2024-006-DWR](#), all curtailments are suspended in the Shasta River watershed. Effective November 13, 2024, as ordered in [Addendum 6 to Order WR 2024-0024-DWR](#) and [Order WR 2024-0025- DWR](#), all curtailments are suspended in the Scott River watershed.
- *Public Meeting and Comments.* Responding to direction from the Board in [Resolution No. 2024-0036](#) regarding immediate-term efforts for flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, staff held a public meeting on November 12, 2024, and solicited written comments on whether the emergency regulation should be readopted and, if so, what changes should be made. Additionally, staff solicited alternatives to an emergency regulation.

Additional information on the drought emergency regulation and continuing efforts is available on the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Emergency Regulation webpage (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/).

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Right Permits: In December 2024, the Division of Water Rights issued 1 permit. See table below for more details of the permit issued.

Primary Owner	Application ID	Permit ID	Date Issued	Brief Description
YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	T033439	21467	12/13/2024	180-day temporary permit authorizing diversion and use of up to 72,000 acre-feet from January 1 to April 15, 2025, Diversion at one point of diversion on Cache Creek in Yolo County to underground storage in the underlying Yolo Subbasin for later irrigation use within District boundaries. Infiltration would occur through an existing earthen-bottom canal and on farm recharge.

Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch

Workshop on Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Plan: In November and December 2024, the State Water Board held four days of a five-day workshop to receive public comments on draft updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan). The draft updates are focused on the Sacramento River and Delta portions of the plan for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife. Each workshop day covered specific topics relevant to the provisions described in the draft updates and included staff presentations and public panel presentations on those topics. The staff presentations and workshop recordings are available on the [program webpage](#).

Written comments on the draft Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan are due on January 10, 2025. The State Water Board will hear additional oral comments on the draft updates at its last workshop day on January 23, 2025. See the [notice](#) for information on how to submit written comments and participate in the workshop.

Public Workshop on the Scope of a Scientific Basis Report on Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creeks: On December 9, 2024, State Water Board staff hosted a virtual staff-led workshop on the scope of a scientific basis report for Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creeks. The purpose of the workshop was to solicit public input on the development of a scientific basis report pertaining to instream flows on Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creeks in Tehama County. The workshop began with a Water Board staff-led presentation followed by a presentation from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on their long-term instream flow recommendations provided to the Board by a letter dated February 15, 2024. After the presentation from CDFW, various interested parties provided presentations and public comments regarding the scope of information to be included in the scientific basis report. Written comments regarding the scope of the scientific basis report are due by noon on January 15, 2025 and should be submitted by email to MillDeerAnt-Flows@waterboards.ca.gov. A recording of the presentation and the Water Board staff presentation slides are available on the [project webpage](#).

Water Quality Certification, Cannabis, Data Modernization, Water Supply & Demand, Instream Flows, Administrative, and Reporting Branch

North Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project and South Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project: On December 16, 2024, the Executive Director issued a final water quality certification (certification) for Placer County Water Agency's (PCWA) North Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project and South Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project (Projects). North Fork and South Fork Long Canyon Diversion Dams are part of PCWA's Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (also known as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2079). The Projects are to upgrade North Fork and South Fork Long Canyon Diversion Dams to pass increased flow requirements of the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project's FERC license.

The Projects are located in Placer County approximately 45 miles northeast of Georgetown, California. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [Project webpage](#)

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)

Planning/Construction Project Summary

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments approved in the month of November 2024.

Drinking Water Projects Funded (November 2024)				
PWSID	Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
2100582	2100582-001C	Nicasio School District - The construction project will consist of upgrading the existing water treatment with State Water Board approved filters to meet SWTR.	\$225,000	At-Risk
0800548	D2417005	Yurok Tribe-The proposed project will install a new 150,000-gallon steel water storage tank including telemetry to fill automatically	\$335,615	N/A
1502690; 1510017	EDWG-1510017- 002C	Indian Wells Valley Water District-The construction project will provide new water mains, customer connections, and related infrastructure within the public right of way in accordance with IWWVD standards	\$4,598,924	Not At-Risk; Potentially At-Risk
1500564; 1510017	EDWG-1510017- 003C	Indian Wells Valley Water District- IWWVD has agreed to let the Hometown Water Association consolidate into the IWWVD. The Hometown Water Association system will be abandoned & roughly 800ft of line near Pinto St. will be added to incorporate the Hometown Water Association connections.	\$297,072	At-Risk; Potentially At-Risk

Drinking Water Projects Amended (November 2024)			
PWSID	Project #	Recipient – Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
1010035	1010035-006C	Del Rey Community Services District-Incorporate FBA and increase funding by \$779,304	Failing
1200701	1200701-001C	Orick Community Services District-Incorporate FBA and increase funding by \$1,246,476. Extend agreement dates. CC date 9/30/2024 to 2/28/2026	At-Risk
1700546	1700546-001C	Clear Water Mutual Water Company-Time extension. CC date 3/31/2024 to 3/31/2025	Potentially At-Risk
2000527	2000527-001P	Yosemite Forks Estates Mutual Water Company-Increase funding by \$560,000 and extend agreement dates. PC date 2/28/2023 to 12/31/2026	Failing
2600622	2600622-001C	Sierra East Homeowners' Association, Inc.- Increase funding by \$843,825 and extend agreement dates. CC date 9/1/2025 to 2/28/2027	Failing
5410021	5410021-001P	Earlimart Public Utility District-Time extension. CC date 3/31/2024 to 9/30/2025	Failing
5510008	5510008-014P	Lake Don Pedro Community Services District-Change to eligible work start date. 1/1/2022 to 5/1/2018	Not At-Risk
Wastewater Projects Funded (November 2024)			
PWSID	Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount
N/A	7659-210	Kern, County of- The Project will connect residents currently served by septic tanks in six neighborhoods - West Shafter, Southwest Shafter, Thomas Lane, Smith Corner, Burbank, and Cherokee Strip - to the City of Shafter's collection system by installing laterals and abandoning septic tanks, thus protecting public health.	\$7,702,625

Wastewater Projects Amended (November 2024)			
PWSID	Project #	Recipient – Amendment Purpose	
N/A	8218-110	Mission Springs Water District-Incorporate FBA and extend agreement dates. CC Date 2/1/2024 to 12/31/2025	
N/A	8413-110	Redway Community Services District-Time extension. CC date 8/31/2024 to 12/31/2026	

Administrator Summary

There were no new administrator agreements or work plans approved in the month of November 2024.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

No new Group 1 direct O&M projects were approved from the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and no new O&M agreements to support Administrator assignments were approved in the month of November 2024.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

There were no new or amended technical assistance agreements approved in the month of November 2024.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 497 public water systems (178 Failing and 91 At-Risk systems) and to 65 wastewater systems. 47% of all Failing systems are receiving TA.

The table below summarizes the TA work plans approved in the month of November 2024.

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA *	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6111-D	Lake Wohlford	CA3700919	Full planning project to connect Lake Wohlford to Valley Center MWD.	UEI	DW	\$220,347 (\$6,171 Increase)	Failing	N/A (SWTR)
Work Plan Amendment	6115-B	Apple Valley	CA3600012	Full planning project to address Flouride violation.	UEI	DW	\$307,907 (\$23,726 Increase)	Failing	Fluoride
Work Plan Amendment	6319-C	Higuera Apartments	CA4000563	Assistance with a construction application for consolidation with the City of San Luis Obispo	UEI	DW	\$139,978 (No Change)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6713-C	Honcut School	CA0400060	Planning project to apply for	UEI	DW	\$389,907 (\$4,372 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA *	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
				EDWG program.					
Work Plan Amendment	6893-C	Weott CSD	CA1200553	Assistance with Financial Application and DWSRF Planning Application	UEI	DW	\$79,177 (No Change)	At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6960-B	Green River Mutual Water Company	CA4000554	Planning project	P&P	DW	\$398,256 (No Change)	Failing	Selenium
Work Plan Amendment	6969-C	Sutter Pines MHP	CA0300011	Perform a feasibility study on a master meter consolidation between the City of Jackson and Sutter Pines MHP.	Stantec	DW	\$88,065 (\$13,386 Increase)	Not At-Risk	N/A
New Work Plan	7199-A	Peppermint Creek MHP	CA5500116	Consolidation feasibility study	GHD	DW	\$135,341 (New Work Plan)	Potentially At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	5243-G	Richgrove CSD, Rodriguez Labor Camp	CA5410024, CA5400735	Consolidation project resolving Rodriguez Labor Camp's Nitrate MCL Violation	SHE	DW	\$196,902 (\$2,102 Increase)	1 Failing, 1 N/A	Arsenic; Nitrate; 1,2,3-Trichloroethane
New Work Plan	7218-A	Yokohl MWC	CA5400647	Feasibility Study to resolve Nitrate MCL exceedance	SHE	DW	\$114,597 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Nitrate

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA *	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6805-C	Lanare Community Services District	CA1000053	Feasibility Study	SHE	DW	\$146,300 (\$15,460 Increase)	At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6852-B	Pleasant View West School	CA5400882	Full planning	SHE	DW	\$339,779 (\$13,336 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6090-C	Mettler CWD	CA1500401	Full planning for treatment system and new meters	SHE	DW	\$247,565 (\$25,671 Increase)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloroethane; Nitrate
New Work Plan	7223-A	Wini MWC	CA1500289, CA1510006, CA1502699, CA1500585, CA1503526	Feasibility study with intent to expand to full planning for treatment.	SHE	DW	\$46,013 (New Work Plan)	4 Failing, 1 At-risk	1,2,3-Trichloroethane; Nitrate, Nitrate-Nitrate, Arsenic

* TA Providers:

CRWA	California Rural Water Association
CWC	Community Water Center
CWH	Council for Watershed Health
LCJA	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
PUCDC	Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
SHE	Self-Help Enterprises
UEI	University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)
CSUSB	University Enterprise (CSU San Bernardino)
P&P	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

** DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

No new TA Requests were approved as capacity development/subvention tasks for November 2024.

**Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Summary
(includes Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)**

The following SAFER agreements and amendments were approved in the month of November 2024.

SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments November 2024						
PWSID	SAFER Status	Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category
1900942 (Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park)	Failing (Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park)	Palmdale Water District	This project will extend interim hauled water service to Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park from 1/1/2025-12/31/2026.	Additional \$303,910, new total \$682,032	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Hauled Water
4900608	Failing	Six Acres Mutual Water Company	This project continues bottled water provision for Six Acres, which has an administrator.	\$28,600	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Bottled Water
4900608	Not-At-Risk	Alleghany County Water District	This amendment will provide additional funding to complete cathodic protection for a newly installed tank.	Additional \$40,000, new total \$150,000	CAA	Construction

Emergency Repair Funding Programs

No Emergency funding requests were approved in the month of November 2024.

PWSID	SAFER Status	Water System Requesting Assistance	TA Provider	Emergency Type	Project Scope	Total Amount Approved
CA1502229	Failing	Rio Bravo Greeley School	SHE	Pump failure/casing break	Repairing Well 01 by inserting new casing, replacing damaged submersible pump, providing hauled water, and confirming bacteriological samples.	\$90,830

Funding Provided for Emergency Drought Response

DFA staff continue to coordinate closely with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on their drought funding as well as outreach to set up county-level programs to respond to either water shortage or water quality issues for those served by state small water systems and domestic wells. Combined, the State Water Board and DWR are working with 16 counties and continue to coordinate with several other counties on submitting applications.

Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects

No requests for Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding were approved in November 2024.

Schools Grant Programs

Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Project Type	Award Amount	TA	Number of Students/ Staff
Fresno USD	Sunset Elementary School	City of Fresno	1010007	Voluntary System	Access Impaired	\$50,040	SHE	506
Madera USD	Martin Luther King Jr Middle School	City of Madera	2010002	Not-At-Risk	Access Impaired	\$23,700	SHE	1000
Madera USD	Sierra Vista Elementary School	City of Madera	2010002	Not-At-Risk	Access Impaired	\$36,300	SHE	810

Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

The following schools were approved in November 2024:

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Wasco Union High School District	Wasco High School and Wasco Independence High School	City of Wasco	1510021	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion Date of 2/28/2026 or up to 2 years if grant is extended	1,731
Dos Palos Oro Loma Joint Unified School District	Bernard Marks Elementary School, Bryant Middle School, Dos Palos Elementary School,	City of Dos Palos	2410002	Failing	New Enrollment	Until Work Completion Date of 2/28/2026 or up to 2 years if grant is extended	2,631

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
	Dos Palos High School, and Westside High School						
Santa Maria-Bonita School District	Bonita Elementary School	Bonita School	4200833	At-Risk but should be Failing. LPA working on updating.	Renewal	Until Work Completion Date of 2/28/2026 or up to 2 years if grant is extended	588
Di Giorgio Elementary School District	Di Giorgio Elementary School	Di Giorgio School Water System	1502068	Failing	New Enrollment	Until Work Completion Date of 2/28/2026 or up to 2 years if grant is extended	270
Meadows Union Elementary School District	Meadows Elementary School	Meadows Union Elementary School	1300554	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion Date of 2/28/2026 or up to 2 years if grant is extended	440

University Enterprises Incorporated – PFAS Sampling Program

This program provides technical assistance to water systems for collecting and analyzing drinking water well samples for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at all wells serving disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, as required by State Water Board Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. Sampling and analysis services are provided by University Enterprises Incorporated, Office of Water Programs and their partners at no cost to the water systems. All drinking water wells will be sampled at least once. A second round of sampling will be decided by the State Water Board after the first round of sampling is complete. To date, 97% of eligible water systems (1,112 of 1,143) are registered to be sampled and 1,160 wells out of the 3,664 scheduled have been sampled.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

CWSRF Recent Significant Events

Policy Amendment (Board Workshop)

On November 6, 2024, staff held a Board Workshop for proposed amendment to the Policy of Implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and received public comment letters on November 22, 2024. Staff are working on response to the comment letters and further analyzing the scoring criteria changes.

CWSRF Funding Activity

CWSRF Funding Agreements Executed (September 12, 2024, to December 12, 2024)			
CWSRF Project No.	Recipient	Project Purpose	CWSRF Funding Amount
8723-110	La Mesa, City of	Infiltration and Inflow Mitigation Project	\$7,000,000
8725-110	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Bijou Wastewater Pump Station Rehabilitation Project	\$7,988,220
8674-110	Sunset Beach Sanitary District	Broadway Pump Station Sewer Bypass	\$10,500,000
8366-110	Carpinteria Valley Water District	Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP)	\$39,301,212
8553-110	San Diego, City of	South Mission Beach Storm Drain Improvements and Green Infrastructure	\$31,911,173
		Total	\$96,700,605

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

CWSRF Future Significant Events

Annual Report

Staff are now preparing the SFY 2023/24 Annual Report.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

DWSRF Recent Significant Events

Policy Amendment (Board Workshop)

On November 6, 2024, staff held a Board Workshop for proposed amendment to the Policy of Implementing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and received public comment letters on November 22, 2024. Staff are working on response to the comment letters and further analyzing the scoring criteria changes.

Technical Assistance – Lead Service Line Inventory

Through the U.S. EPA in-kind services, CDM Smith continues to provide technical assistance to community water systems (CWS) completing the initial lead service line inventory as required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Priority is being given to community water systems with 500 service connections or less serving disadvantaged communities (DAC). Applications for Lead Service Line (LSL) [technical assistance](#) (TA) are being accepted on a continuous basis. On November 8th, 2024, CDM Smith received a list of water systems that did not submit inventories to DDW by the October 16, 2024 deadline. CDM Smith has begun contacting these systems and informing them of the availability of the LSL TA program. Since CDM Smith began contacting these systems, 38 additional applications for technical assistance have been received and deemed eligible for assistance, for a total of 103 assistance requests since the start of the LSL TA program. Currently, 72 eligible systems are receiving assistance from CDM Smith for conducting, reviewing, and submitting their LSL inventories to DDW.

DWSRF Funding Activity

DWSRF Financing Agreements Executed (September 12, 2024, to December 12, 2024)			
DWSRF Project #	Recipient	Project Purpose	DWSRF Funding Amount
1010029-002C	Sanger, City of	City of Sanger New Water Well Project	\$5,250,000
1910067-059C	Los Angeles, City of Acting by and through the	City Trunk Line North Unit 1	\$139,000,000

DWSRF Financing Agreements Executed (September 12, 2024, to December 12, 2024)			
DWSRF Project #	Recipient	Project Purpose	DWSRF Funding Amount
	Department of Water & Power		
3710020-079C	San Diego, City of	Alvarado 2nd Pipeline Extension	\$145,691,810
4410010-004C	Santa Cruz, City of	Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project [Felton/Graham Hill]	\$41,352,000
5510012-001C-002	Tuolumne Utilities District	Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility	\$8,120,992
<u>DWSRF Base Subtotal</u>			<u>\$339,414,802</u>
Emerging Contaminants			
3010068-001C	East Orange County Water District	PFAS Water Treatment Plant	\$2,102,775
3010046-001C	Tustin, City of	PFAS Water Treatment Plant	\$10,000,000
3010010-001C	Fullerton, City of	Main Plant PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project	\$3,669,579
3010027-001C	Orange, City of	Wells 20, 21 and 22 PFAS Treatment Systems	\$5,000,000
3010092-001C	Irvine Ranch Water District	Well OPA-1 PFAS Treatment System	\$2,767,415
<u>DWSRF EC Subtotal</u>			<u>\$23,539,769</u>
Lead Service Line Replacement			
4510013-001P	Shasta Community Services District	Lead Service Line Inventory	\$235,000
3710025-001P	Sweetwater Authority	Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Inventory and Identification Requirements	\$1,018,155
<u>DWSRF LSLR Subtotal</u>			<u>\$1,253,155</u>
Grant Total			\$364,207,726

Projects for small, disadvantaged communities receiving principal forgiveness are listed in the OSWS Section of this report.

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

DWSRF Future Significant Events

Annual Report

Staff are now preparing the SFY 2023/24 Annual Report.

Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)

Recycled water construction applications must adhere to both WRFP Guidelines and CWSRF Policy requirements.

WRFP Funding Activity

WRFP Funding Agreements Executed WRFP Construction Projects (September 12, 2024, to December 12, 2024)			
Project No.	Recipient – Project Purpose	Source	Grant Amount
8366-110	Carpinteria Valley Water District– Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP)	General Fund	\$5,000,000
		TOTAL	\$5,000,000

WRFP Funding Agreements Executed WRFP Planning Projects (September 12, 2024, to December 12, 2024)			
Project No.	Recipient – Project Purpose	Source	Grant Amount
8772-110	Cloverdale, City of – City of Cloverdale Recycled Water Feasibility Study	Prop 13/ Prop 68	\$150,000
		TOTAL	\$150,000

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Honoring 50 Years of the Safe Drinking Water: Our Commitment Continues

The Division of Drinking Water marked a historic milestone by celebrating the 50th anniversary of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). During the State Water Board December 4, 2024, meeting, the Board unanimously adopted a Resolution commemorating this landmark legislation and designated December 16, 2024, as Safe Drinking Water Act Day in California. The occasion was further enriched by a special presentation from Richard Stapler, Chief of Staff to California Senator John Laird, who delivered a legislative resolution honoring 50 years of progress under the SDWA. To amplify the celebration, the Board unveiled a commemorative website featuring short stories and videos from water professionals and government leaders, reflecting on the achievements and continued importance of the Safe Drinking Water Act in safeguarding public health and water quality.

[Safe Drinking Water Act Turns 50 | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (i.e. a new source of supply, modifying treatment or adding a large distribution reservoir), when the original permit has numerous amendments, or following new regulations or conditions that DDW deems necessary for the protection of public health.

The following 38 permits were noted between November 16, 2024, and December 15, 2024

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
SCWA - LAGUNA/VINEYARD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	POPPY RIDGE WTP AND FOUR WELLS
CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REPLACE RESERVOIR 1 WITH RESERVOIR 1-1
CAL AMERICAN WC - RIO PLAZA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION WITH UNITED WCD
BAKER COMMODITIES INC.	FULL PERMIT	REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS FOR As POE
CAMP STEVENS	FULL PERMIT	NEW DDW PERMIT TRANSFER FROM LPA
SIERRA LUTHERAN CHURCH	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT TO REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS
SHAVER LAKE HEIGHTS MWC	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT TO REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS
HOLTVILLE, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REFLECT COAGULANT CHANGES AND TTHM TREATMENT

TOLLHOUSE MARKET & GRILL	FULL PERMIT	NEW OWNERSHIP PERMIT
SEQUOIA CREST WATER CO	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
FISHCAMP MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTING SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION CHANGE
WATERFORD - HICKMAN	FULL PERMIT	NEW PERMIT TO REFLECT OPERATIONAL AND REGULATORY CHANGES
LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LAB-SITE 300	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT PROVISION ADDITION OF GAC FOR DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS
BERKELEY TUOLUMNE CAMP	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT CONDITIONS
CERES, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	GAC TREATMENT FOR 1,2,3- TCP
CITY OF WATERFORD	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
WATERFORD-RIVER POINTE	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
CCWD - WEST POINT	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS ADDITION OF SECOND TREATMENT UNIT
HOPETON SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED TO CONTAIN ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS
LAS FLORES WATER CO.	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
RUSH CREEK LODGE WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
EVERGREEN LODGE	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
ARCO BRAWLEY AND HWY 180	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
WILDWOOD CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION
COLD SPRINGS WATER CO	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT CONDITIONS
YOSEMITE RIVERSIDE INN	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
SIERRA TWAIN HARTE MHP	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND ADDITION OF MANGANESE/IRON REMOVAL TREATMENT
GEMPERLE EGG RANCH	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED APPLICABLE PERMIT CONDITIONS
HUNTINGTON PINES MUTUAL COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	SANITARY SURVEY AND PERMIT PROVISION
BLM SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE	FULL PERMIT	SANITARY SURVEY AND PERMIT PROVISION

PONDEROSA RV PARK	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT PROVISIONS
CALWEST RAIN - KERMAN	FULL PERMIT	REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS
MONO HOT SPRINGS RESORT	FULL PERMIT	REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS
CARUTHERS COMM SERV DIST	FULL PERMIT	REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS AND ADD ARSENIC TREATMENT
EAST NILES CSD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD 3.8-MG TANK
LERDO SHERIFF S FACILITY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD 600K TANK
CWS - VISALIA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD 1-MG TANK
DEL ORO RIVER ISLAND SERV TERR #1	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW SWTP

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations for a water system include whether the system has failed to follow established monitoring or reporting schedules, failed to comply with mandated treatment techniques, violated any Maximum Contaminant Level, or failed to communicate the required information to their customers. Enforcement Actions are used to obtain water system compliance with drinking water requirements to provide a safe and reliable supply of water. The Division of Drinking Water's formal enforcement actions involve the use of statutory authority and include issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented from November 16 and December 15, 2024

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
BLU-IN CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
BONITA SCHOOL	MCL	PERCHLORATE
BRANDEIS BARDIN INSTITUTE	Reporting	CCR
CALVARY CHAPEL JULIAN	Monitoring	RTCR
CHARLES BROWN WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
COACHELLA WATER AUTHORITY	Monitoring	RTCR
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	LASSO
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	2,4-D
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	2,4-D
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	LASSO
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	ASBESTOS
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	ASBESTOS
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	BENTAZON

DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	DIQUAT
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	BENTAZON
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	DIQUAT
DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN WS	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
DEL NORTE MUTUAL WATER CO.	Reporting	CCR
DOUG JONES WATER	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
E.M. THARP, INC.	MCL	NITRATE
EAST THREE RIVERS MUTUAL WATER CORP	Monitoring	RTCR
EAST THREE RIVERS MUTUAL WATER CORP	Other	RTCR
EL RANCHO MOTEL	Monitoring	RTCR
EXETER, CITY OF	Monitoring	TTHM
EXETER, CITY OF	Monitoring	HAA5
FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DIST.	Public Notification	E. COLI
GSA TECATE PORT OF ENTRY	Monitoring	HAA5
GSA TECATE PORT OF ENTRY	Monitoring	TTHM
INDIO WATER AUTHORITY	Monitoring	NITRATE
L'AZIENDA D'AGOSTINI	Monitoring	RTCR
LAKESIDE SD-LAKESIDE SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR
LOTUS PUB	Monitoring	RTCR
MOKELUMNE BEACH RV PARK	Other	OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS PERMIT
MONROVIA NURSERY - OFFICE	MCL	NITRATE
MONTECITO SEQUOIA LODGE	Monitoring	RTCR
NACIMIENTO WATER COMPANY	Reporting	CCR
NEPENTHE WS	Monitoring	NITRATE
O'CONNOR HOSPITAL	Monitoring	RTCR
OLD RIVER GOLF COURSE	Monitoring	RTCR
PALO VERDE COUNTY WATER DIST.	Monitoring	RTCR
PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Monitoring	LCR
PLANTATION ON THE LAKE PARK	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
RAY WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	COPPER, FREE

RAY WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LEAD
SIERRA VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK	MCL	MANGANESE
SILVERFORK SCHOOL	Monitoring	LCR
SPRECKELS SUGAR COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
THE BARN	Monitoring	RTCR
THE BARN	Other	RTCR
TULARE COUNTY ROAD YARD 2/3	Monitoring	HAA5
TULARE COUNTY ROAD YARD 2/3	Monitoring	TTHM
TURNER ROAD VINTNERS (WEST)	Monitoring	RTCR
WESTSIDE HARVESTING	MCL	HAA5
WILLOWS MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY & RV PARK	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
YUBA APARTMENT HOMES	Monitoring	LCR
Total Violations	61	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

Accreditation Activities

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED		
	Nov. 15, 2024 – Dec. 15, 2024	Year-To-Date
New Accreditations	0	7
Renewed Accreditations	23	220
Reciprocity Accreditations	3	67
Amended Accreditations	19	273
Total	45	567

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for December 2024 (on 12/16/2024)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	381	Removed Failing Systems	2

Water Systems Removed from the Failing List in December 2024

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5500148	CHINESE CAMP SCHOOL	11/27/2024	TUOLUMNE	36
3400125	FREEPORT MARINA	11/22/2024	SACRAMENTO	45

Water Systems Added to the Failing List in December 2024

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
1009214	WESTSIDE HARVESTING	12/11/2024	FRESNO	72
4200833	BONITA SCHOOL	12/05/2024	SANTA BARBARA	589
3500505	THOUSAND TRAILS SAN BENITO PRESERVE	12/01/2024	SAN BENITO	1017

Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidations were completed during December 2024

Name	Type	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
DESERT VIEW MOBILE PARK	C	23	1	Consolidated to GSWC-Barstow (CA3610043)
MARIAH APARTMENTS	C	20	3	Consolidation into PCWA Foothills

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

No Submittal for December 2024

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Press Releases

Oceanside Sanitary Sewer Overflows

The City of Oceanside agreed to settle an administrative civil liability complaint with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board related to two sanitary sewer overflows for \$1.5 million. The overflows occurred due to heavy rainfall impacting the Buena Vista Lift Station and San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Facility. Nearly two million gallons of raw sewage was discharged to local surface waters. As part of the settlement agreement, the City of Oceanside will undertake a feasibility study to prevent future overflows due to heavy rain.

Cannabis Grow Clean Up and Abatement Order Violations

A landowner near Anza Borrego State Park has been ordered by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board to pay a penalty of \$410,000 related to their failure to abide by the terms of a Cleanup and Abatement (CAO) Order adopted in August 2021. Under the terms of the CAO, the landowner repeatedly disregarded actions and deadlines required to protect water quality related to unpermitted and unauthorized cannabis cultivation, land disturbance, and waste disposal activities. The Board's Order, issued on December 11, 2024 requires payment of the penalty within 30 days.

Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Fraud Settlement

A settlement agreement was reached between the State Water Resources Control Board and ENCON Technologies regarding alleged deception and misrepresentation that resulted in significant financial damage to the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. The Office of Enforcement's Fraud Prevention Unit led an exhaustive investigation resulting in a settlement agreement and stipulation for entry of administrative civil liability order (Stipulated Order). In the Stipulated Order, ENCON will be disqualified from participating in any State Water Board financial program and will pay and administrative civil liability of \$175,000.

Other Enforcement Related Updates

Drinking Water Operator Misconduct

Two settlement agreements have been reached with the State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Enforcement related to operator misconduct during an operator certification examination. In April 2024, Rudy Ocampo Sr fraudulently took and passed an examination for a distribution operator D5 certification on behalf of Rudy Ocampo Jr. Mr. Ocampo Jr then used the passing result to fraudulently obtain the D5 certification. Under the terms of the settlement, both Ocampo Sr and Ocampo Jr have agreed to surrender their current certifications and be subjected to additional conditions should they seek re-certification in the future. The settlement agreements for [Rudy Ocampo Sr](#) and [Rudy Ocampo Jr](#) have been posted for public comment. All comments must be received by December 31, 2024.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

No ACL Complaints were issued in November 2024.

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	The Kroger Co./ Los Angeles	MMP for: • 5 exceedances of the Maximum Daily Effluent Limit (MDEL) for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) • 5 exceedances of MDEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) • 2 exceedances of the Average Monthly Effluent Limit (AMEL) for BOD • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for sulfide • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for turbidity	\$51,000 (MMP - all to the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA))	11/6/2024
4	Century City Mall LLC/ Los Angeles	MMPs for: • 5 exceedances of AMEL for copper • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for copper	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/7/2024
4	Jamison Services/ Los Angeles	MMP for exceedance of both the AMEL and the MDEL for BOD.	\$3,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	11/25/2024
4	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority/ El Monte	MMP for exceedance of the AMEL for mercury.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/25/2024
5S	Colfax City/ Colfax	MMP for: • Exceedance of the At Any Time Effluent Limit for total coliform • Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total coliform • 5 exceedances of the 7-day medium for total coliform • 4 exceedances of the Average Weekly Effluent Limit (AWEL) for ammonia • Exceedance of the AMEL for ammonia	\$36,000 (MMP – all to Compliance Project (CP))	11/26/2024
6T	Park Livestock Co/ Mono County	David Park and Park Livestock Co. bulldozed approximately two acres of land along the West Walker River without obtaining a single required permit. The entirety of the two-acre area	\$20,000 (all to CAA)	11/13/2024

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		was significantly impacted due to riparian and sediment removal, disturbance, and/or displacement, resulting in significant adverse effects to riparian and aquatic habitat (present and future).		
7	Kent Seatech Corporation/ Mecca	MMPs for: • 6 exceedances of the MDEL for Escherichia coli (E. coli) • 3 exceedances of the geometric mean effluent limit for E. coli • Exceedance of the MDEL for oil and grease	\$30,000 (MMP – all to Compliance Project (CP))	11/14/2024
9	Oceanside City/ Oceanside	Unauthorized discharge of an estimated 988,3338 gallons of raw sewage discharged into Buena Vista Creek and Buena Vista Lagoon from April 10 to April 11, 2020 and an unauthorized discharge of 820,000 gallons of raw sewage to Windmill and Pilgrim Creek on April 10, 2020.	\$1,537,737 (all to CAA)	11/13/2024
9	San Ysidro Health/ National City	MMP for late 1 st quarter 2023 self-monitoring report (SMR) that was due on 4/30/2023 but submitted 86 days late on 7/25/2023.	\$6,000 (MMP- all to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP))	11/25/2024

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Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
3	San Luis Obispo Golf & Country Club/ San Luis Obispo County	Central Coast Water Board staff reviewed the available documents associated with the facility and determined the permit requirements found in State Water Quality Control Board adopted Order WQ 2016-0068- DDW, <i>Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use</i> (Recycled Water Use Permit). Requires the submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI).	11/14/2024

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
4	Superpro Investment Company LLC/ Torrance	13267 Order No. R4-2024-0354 requires the submittal of a Subsurface Investigation Report on VOCs present in soil matrix, soil vapor, and groundwater for the site located at 1501 Sepulveda Boulevard in Torrance.	11/15/2024
4	228th Street Associates LP/ Torrance	13267 Order No. R4-2024-0318 requires the submittal of a Subsurface Investigation Report on VOCs present in soil matrix, soil vapor, and groundwater for the site located at 1450 West 228th Street in Torrance.	11/15/2024
4	Phillips 66 Company, et al./Wilmington	13267 Order No. R4-2024- 0374 requires the submittal of a technical report documenting the use and/or storage of materials containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including but not limited to aqueous film forming foams (AFFF), at the Site over the full history of operations as a bulk fuel marine terminal located at berths 148-151, Port of Los Angeles.	11/25/2024
5S	French Cleaners, et al./ Manteca	13267 Order No. R5-2024-0816 requires the submittal of a work plan to investigate chlorinated volatile organic compound (CVOCs) in indoor air within the commercial building and in soil gas at and around the Site located at 416 West Yosemite Avenue in Manteca.	11/26/2024
8	Frome Developments Omega, LLC/ Santa Ana	13267 Order No. R8-2024-0051 requires the submittal of a submit a technical report to assess the extent of contaminants in groundwater and soil gas for the property located at 1560-1580 East Edinger Avenue in Santa Ana.	11/22/2024

Other Enforcement Actions Taken:

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	11	5S	31
2	1	6T	11
3	2	6V	3
4	31	7	2
5F	11	8	17
5R	3	9	5

OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS and the CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

The Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) [Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program](#), in partnership with [California Indian Environmental Alliance](#), completed the tribally-centered Bioaccumulation Monitoring Training Series in December 2024. The purpose of this training series is to support California Native American Tribes in developing programs in the areas of bioaccumulation monitoring, data analysis, and data use processes, and enable Tribes and other bioaccumulation monitoring groups to adopt those processes into their workflows and more easily partner with SWAMP and the [Safe to Eat Workgroup](#). A total of 6 courses were offered throughout the year. Over 75 tribal representatives, representing over 50 tribes throughout all nine water board regions registered for or attended one or more trainings. For more information and to access slides and recordings of all past trainings, visit the [Training Series Webpage](#).

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

Suppliers submitted 364 completed reports for the October 2024 reporting period. The estimated total urban water use was 161.2 billion gallons (494.7 thousand acre-feet) and the estimated statewide residential use was 95 gallons per capita daily.

We received 167 water waste reports in November 2024 through the [Save Water](#) site.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of December 10, 2024)

The State Water Board is considering whether to grant review of the following current active petitions for review of regional water quality control board actions or failures to act in accordance with Water Code section 13320. These petitions for review will be dismissed by operation of law if (1) the State Water Board does not issue a letter granting review or (2) the State Water Board does not receive a written request from the petitioner that the petition be held in abeyance, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the corresponding deadline. Any exhibits identified in the petitions are available upon request by emailing waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov.

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
A-2888	Petition of The City of Santa Maria for Review of August 19, 2024 Amendment to Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R3-2023-0070 for Former Semco Twist Drill and Tool Company, Inc. et al., Industrial Parkway, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County; Issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	9/17/2024	12/16/2024
A-2893	Petition of CraneVeyor Corporation for Review of November 4, 2024 Amendment to Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2018-0032 for 1524 N. Potrero Avenue, South El Monte, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	12/4/2024	3/4/2025

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY, and TRIBAL AFFAIRS (OPEETA)

As of December 2024, the Office of Public Participation has transitioned to the newly formed **Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA)**. This change reflects the expanded scope of our work and the need to ensure these efforts are elevated and clearly defined within our organization. In 2021, the Board combined the Office of Public Affairs and the Office of Public Participation under the new Communications Office. While this structure made sense at the time, recent developments—such as new Executive Orders, legislative changes, and the Board’s racial equity and tribal efforts—have expanded the Office of Public Participation’s role beyond what this configuration was originally intended to support. We’re now restructuring to elevate the office’s importance and better align our operations with these developments.

Reasons for New Office Name:

- Public engagement reflects a broader, more inclusive approach than participation, focusing on meaningful, ongoing dialogue and collaboration with communities. It emphasizes the Board’s commitment to building lasting relationships and engaging the public in shaping decisions and outcomes.
- Equity highlights the Board’s focus on addressing systemic inequities and ensuring all voices, especially historically marginalized ones, are heard. It also reflects our commitment to workforce equity and creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all employees.
- Tribal affairs acknowledges the distinct political and sovereign status of California Native American tribes. Separating tribal affairs from public engagement recognizes that tribes are not stakeholders but sovereign governments, requiring dedicated efforts to honor their sovereignty and to build government-to-government partnerships.

These adjustments aim to respond to feedback from employees, communities, and California Native American tribes. The changes clarify roles, reinforce Board priorities, and strengthen our commitment to environmental justice, public engagement, workforce equity, and strengthening tribal relations.

Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER)

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs’ role within the SAFER drinking water program includes developing and implementing effective community engagement and outreach strategies that ensure Californians who lack safe, adequate, and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible and that the water systems serving them establish sustainable solutions.

SAFER Advisory Group

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs convened a one-day SAFER Advisory Group virtual meeting on December 5, 2024. Meeting topics included a discussion on domestic well efforts and SAFER program updates for 2024.

Appointments for the 2025 Advisory Group members were announced at the meeting. Ten members in total were appointed.

Northern Tulare County District Boards and Community Engagement

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs is conducting outreach with communities in Northern Tulare County to advance existing and potential consolidation projects along with potential options for long-term sustainable regional water solutions. This work is ongoing and is expected to continue throughout 2025. This outreach includes attendance at district board meetings as well as planned meetings across the district boards and with members of the public. As of fourth quarter 2024, staff have addressed project goals with the joint Yettem/Seville board, the joint Monson/Sultana board, the joint Cutler/Orosi board, and the Joint Powers Authorities existing across these communities.

San Lucas Community Support

This community in Monterey County is weighing potential options to resolve their water quality concerns. During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs worked with the San Lucas County Water District, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Division of Drinking Water, and the Division of Financial Assistance to address questions and public comments from a quarter three public meeting on outcomes from an engineering report. Community engagement will continue in 2025 with an additional meeting to address updates to the engineering report.

Public Engagement and Environmental Justice

The Public Engagement and Environmental Justice program promotes inclusive, equitable, and transparent public engagement in Water Boards decision-making processes for all Californians, especially for environmental justice and frontline communities.

Sustainable Groundwater Management

In 2023, the Department of Water Resources found local groundwater sustainability plans inadequate in six groundwater subbasins under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act's (SGMA) sustainability requirements. These subbasins have been referred to the State Water Board for possible probation. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs continues coordinating outreach and engagement, leading to potential probationary hearings in each subbasin. On December 5, 2024, Water Boards' staff held a workshop in Visalia to engage the Punjabi farming community, share background information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and connect the community to resources. Water Boards staff hosted the event in cooperation with the Punjabi American Growers Group. The California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, USDA Farm Service Agency, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR), Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, and Self-Help Enterprises attended the event and presented about resources

available to assist farmers. Punjabi language interpretation was provided at the workshop, and all water boards' written documents for this workshop were translated into Punjabi.

Language Access

The Language Access program ensures that the Water Boards comply with state and federal language access laws by providing all Californians with meaningful and consistent language access services.

Oral Interpretation Services

Between October and December 2024, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs provided 13 interpretation services for meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Some meetings included the SAFER Advisory Group meeting, Sustainable Groundwater Management public workshops, and regional water board meetings. Eight interpretation services were provided in Spanish, 1 in Hmong, 2 in Mandarin and 2 in Punjabi.

Written Translation of Documents

Between October and December 2024, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 86 translations of written documents for various regional water boards, divisions, and offices. The translations included documents, presentations, and compliance letters. Programs and projects that utilized translation services include Site Clean-up, Sustainable Groundwater Management, Enforcement, SAFER drinking water, and others. These translations were provided in a total of 11 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Laotian, Khmer, and Tagalog.

Tribal Affairs

The Tribal Affairs program strengthens the Water Boards' relationships with California Native American Tribes, conducts meaningful government-to-government consultations, deepens the staff's understanding of tribal needs, and supports tribal participation in Water Boards' decision-making processes, meetings, events, and hearings.

Inaugural National Native American Heritage Parade & Monument Commemoration

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs participated in the inaugural National Native American Heritage Month Parade and monument commemoration event. This event was sponsored by Assembly Member James C. Ramos's office. This first of its kind parade provided a unique opportunity to celebrate and honor Native American culture, traditions, and contributions together, as one community. The parade put together a showcase of diverse tribal talent and culture, full of vibrant colors, regalia, and traditional dance styles from throughout Indian Country and California. This parade served as a powerful platform for younger generations to represent their cultural roots, teach their history, and feel a sense of belonging and pride. It also brought together the various families, tribal leaders, and citizens,

strengthening those relationships and fostering mutual respect and meaningful connection. The State Water Resources Control Board was well represented by the new Tribal Affairs Program Manager and our participation in the parade served as a powerful reflection of our commitment to supporting tribal affairs and engaging with tribal constituents.

CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee

In September 2024, the Tribal Liaison participated in the CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee, hosted by the Kizh Nation of the Gabrieleño Band Of Mission Indians. The mission of the CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee is to educate CalEPA and its Boards, Departments, and Offices and advocate concerning the Tribal beliefs and perspectives of cultural resources protection, environmental protection, historical and current day tribal lands stewardship of the environment and develop strategies and action plans to address tribal environmental issues under CalEPA purview.

Cultural Heritage Pavillion at Native American Day

In September 2024, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs coordinated the Cultural Heritage Pavillion at the annual Native American Day. The Cultural Heritage Pavillion brought together over 10 tribal cultural practitioners to share and demonstrate their cultural practices and traditions, including raw hide practices, creation of tule boats, basket weaving, and more. In addition to individual cultural practitioners, this year's Cultural Pavillion also included a separate tent for tribal government cultural departments to showcase efforts of their tribe.

Annual Tribal EPA Conference

In October 2024, Water Boards staff participated in in the Annual Tribal Environmental Protection Agency Conference, co-hosted by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. Water Boards staff presented on tribal beneficial uses and received feedback on a draft mapping tool used to visualize existing beneficial use designations.

Workplace Equity and Inclusion

The Workplace Equity and Inclusion program was created to foster a culture of respect, inclusion, and equity, ensuring every Water Board employee feels welcome and valued. The program centers on the practice of process equity and the creation of inclusive and authentic spaces for Water Boards employees.

Regional Equity Practitioners Convening

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs co-hosted the regional quarterly Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) practitioners convening, at which Water Boards staff presented on initiating and sustaining the monthly racial equity support luncheon; more than 40 people attended in-person and virtually.

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Probationary Hearing for Kaweah groundwater subbasin cancelled: On November 15, 2024, the State Water Board canceled the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Probationary Hearing (hearing) noticed for January 7, 2025 for the Kaweah Subbasin (subbasin).

The subbasin's local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) amended their groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) in response to the Department of Water Resources' and the Board's identified deficiencies and released the amended GSPs on June 3, 2024, and revised versions of those amended GSPs on October 3, 2024. At the request of the State Water Board, Board staff completed a high-level preliminary review of the amended GSPs and noted substantial progress in how the GSPs address the deficiencies identified in Board staff's May 6, 2024 Kaweah Subbasin Draft Staff Report. Board staff must do additional work to determine if enough progress has been made for the subbasin to exit state intervention under the State Water Board's authorities and return to DWR for plan review and oversight. The Board cancelled the probationary hearing so that staff can complete a thorough review of these plans to fully determine if deficiencies are sufficiently addressed to achieve groundwater sustainability in the subbasin.

Under SGMA, GSAs develop and implement GSPs to ensure their basin is managed sustainably within 20 years of plan implementation. DWR determined that the GSPs for the subbasin were inadequate and did not satisfy the objectives of SGMA. DWR referred the subbasin to the State Water Board for potential state intervention. State intervention is a process in which the Board collects data from pumpers in the basin and that could result in the State Water Board temporarily managing groundwater resources until the local agency or agencies are able and willing to do so adequately.

At the hearing, the State Water Board would have decided whether to designate the subbasin "probationary," the first step in state intervention under SGMA. In a probationary basin, the State Water Board identifies deficiencies in the GSPs and identifies potential actions that the GSA or GSAs could take to address the deficiencies. Groundwater pumpers in probationary basins must report their groundwater extractions annually to the State Water Board and pay associated fees.

SGMA Workshop for Punjabi-American growers: On December 5, 2024, State Water Board staff hosted an informational workshop in Visalia for San Joaquin Valley Punjabi-American growers, described in the OPEETA section of this Executive Director's Report.

Tule Subbasin State Water Board reporting requirements mail-out: On October 4, 2024, State Water Board staff sent letters to approximately 5,400 suspected groundwater extractors in the Tule Subbasin, advising them of new extraction reporting and fee obligations or, for extractors in areas exempt from reporting and fees, of the exemption. Staff sent a second reminder letter to the same group of people on December 4, 2024.

The State Water Board designated the Tule subbasin probationary under SGMA on September 7, 2024. In a probationary basin, groundwater extractors must report their

extraction volumes annually to the State Water Board and pay associated fees, though the Board may exclude certain classes or categories of pumpers. Under the Tule subbasin probationary designation, small, household extractors and groundwater extractors in the Delano-Earlimart GSA and the Kern-Tulare Water District GSA are generally not required to report their extractions to the Board. All other groundwater extractors had to begin measuring their extractions January 1, 2024.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

December 2024

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of November 2024; and the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards from October 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024. Next month's report will discuss activities of the Central Valley Water Board's recent program activities and up to date data on compliance and outreach activities.

State Water Board staff is developing a contract to convene an expert panel, as discussed in Order No. WQ 2023-0081, *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040*. Staff posted the finalized questions for the expert panel, a general response to comments, and an analysis on available ILRP data on the [Agriculture](#) webpage on October 24, 2024.

Staff is in the early stages of developing a tool in the GeoTracker database to allow submission of Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) information. This tool is intended to streamline data entry, increase transparency, and allow better analysis of submitted nitrogen data.

North Coast Regional Water Board staff released the Proposed Vineyard Order and Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the public on October 31, 2024. Both documents are available on the [Vineyard Program website](#). The Regional Water Board is anticipated to hold a hearing in the first half of 2025 to consider adoption of the Proposed Vineyard Order and certification of the Final EIR. There will be live interpretive services in Spanish available at the adoption hearing.

Staff released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study for the Smith River Lily Bulb Order on October 11, 2024. The 45-day CEQA Scoping period ended on November 25, 2024.

Staff hosted a hybrid format CEQA Scoping Meeting in Crescent City, CA on October 22, 2024 for the Smith River Lily Bulb Order. Staff presented Smith River Lily Bulb Order development during two additional meetings in Del Norte County on October 21-22, 2024. Both were well attended by the public. A community meeting was held in Smith River, CA on October 21, 2024, and staff presented to the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2024. Additionally, the second meeting of a year-long Order Development Technical Advisory Group was held on November 19, 2024, in Smith River.

Staff intend to release a Draft Smith River Lily Bulb Order and Draft EIR for public comment in early 2026.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board staff is working with Napa and Sonoma Farm Bureaus to begin annual invoicing. As in previous years, enrollees can participate

in the Farm Bureau fee collection group. Notification regarding the group fee option resulted in an increase in requests to update, terminate, and/or re-enroll vineyard properties. Staff have been working with enrollees to update their information and with the Farm Bureaus to make sure the fees collected correlate to the best information available about each enrollment.

Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff continues to meet regularly with the third-party groups. Staff met with the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) and their consultants to discuss implementation and next steps for the General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), TMDL exceedances, and procedural steps for growers complying with the discharge limitations included in the General WDRs. Staff met with the Los Angeles Irrigated Lands Group (LAILG) to discuss implementation and next steps for the General WDRs, particularly compliance with the Ground Water Monitoring Trend requirements.

On October 9, 2024, staff toured Cal Poly Pomona's agricultural operations to discuss compliance with the General WDRs.

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to one of the program's third-party groups in November 2024 for failure to submit Exceedance Reports, failure to submit Water Quality Restoration Plan, and missing information in the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report.

An NOV was issued to another third-party group in November 2024 for failure to submit timely Exceedance Reports, failure to submit a Water Quality Restoration Plan, and missing information in the 2022-2023 Annual Monitoring Report.

The final Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Imperial Irrigation District Selenium Provisional Work Plan was approved on November 21, 2024.

Staff received responses from growers covered by the Coachella Valley General Orders to enroll in their third-party groups. Most growers met the October 31, 2024, deadline. Staff is working with the third-party groups to enroll the remaining growers and enforcement for failing to enroll.

San Diego Regional Water Board staff is working to develop a new approach to address pollution from agricultural operations while the reissuance of the Ag Orders is paused. Staff met with the San Diego Region Irrigated Lands Group (SDRILG) and the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego to discuss collaboration with both entities and growers to identify (1) pathways of pollution from nutrients applied on agricultural operations to surface waters and (2) best management practices that could prevent/reduce the discharge of nutrients from agricultural operations into surface waters. Staff will continue meeting with interested parties to develop the new approach.

Staff continue to work with the SDRILG to contact growers who have been dropped from the group due to non-payment of annual fees.

There were no significant program updates reported in the **Central Coast, Lahontan,** and **Santa Ana Regions** from October 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024.