

# Cazadero Water Company

## Public Meeting

December 7, 2020  
6:00 p.m.





## **Water Board's Mission Statement**

*Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.*

# Meeting Overview and Logistics

# Participation Instructions

## Technical or Language Assistance:

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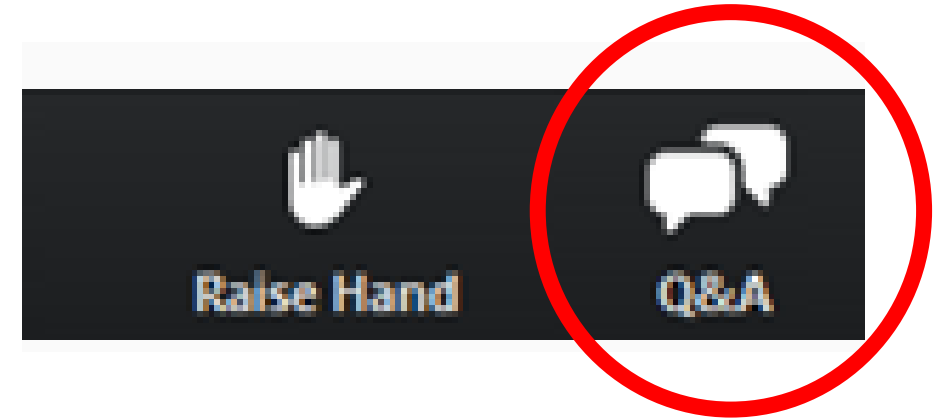
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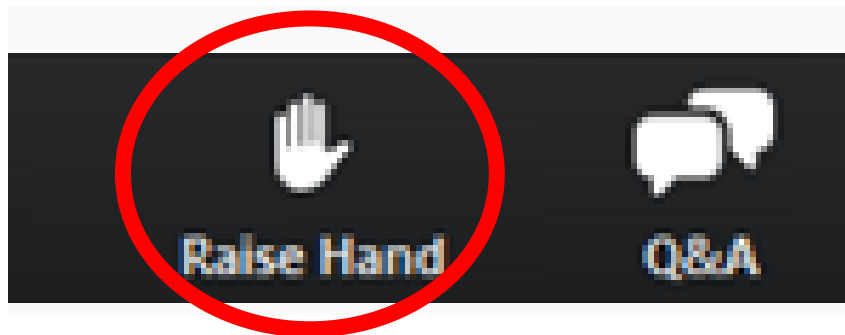
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# Meeting Guidelines

- Everyone will be muted, until public comment

## Computer Commands

- To raise your hand, find the “Raise Hand” button on your screen



## Phone Commands

- \*9 to raise hand
- \*6 to mute/unmute



# Let's Practice Raising and Lowering Hands!



# What is the SAFER Drinking Water Program?

SAFER = Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience



Division of  
Drinking Water

*systems*



Division of  
Financial Assistance

*funding*



Office of  
Public Participation

*communities*



SAFER  
Advisory Group

*local expertise*

# Meeting Agenda

- Background of Cazadero Water Company
- Overview of Administrator
- Potential Administrator and Scope of Work
- Community Involvement
- Next Steps
- Public Comments/Questions



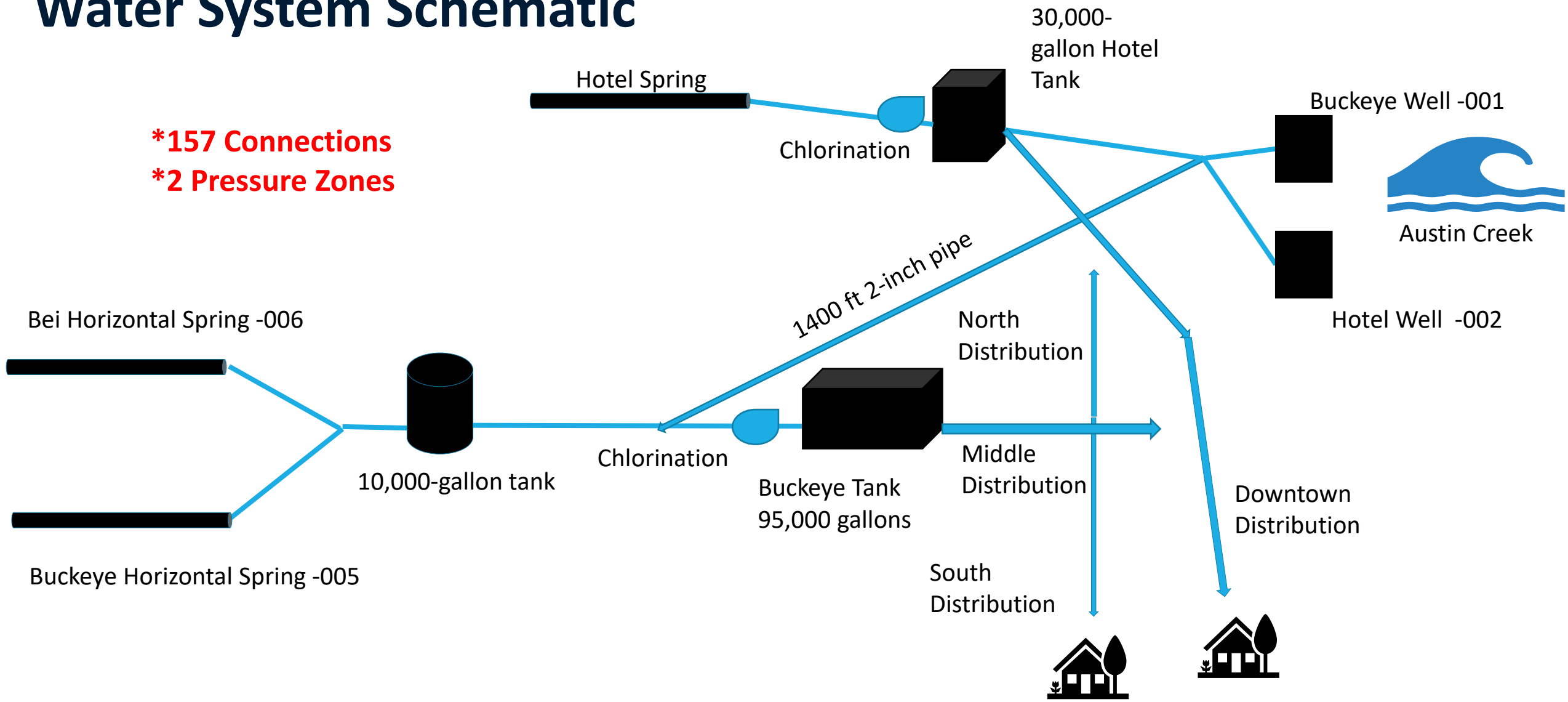


# Water System Background Cazadero Water Company

Beti Girma, P.E.  
Division of Drinking Water

# Water System Schematic

**\*157 Connections**  
**\*2 Pressure Zones**



# Water System Violations

## Surface Water Treatment Rule Compliance Order and Citation

- **Public health hazard:** Bacterial contamination
- **Effects:** Diarrhea, vomiting, cramps, nausea, fever, etc.

## Corrosion Control Treatment Compliance Order and Citation

- **Public health hazard:** Lead and Copper exceedances
- **Effects:** developmental delays, abdominal pain, neurologic changes, and irritability

## Unpermitted Source

- **Public health hazard:** Unregulated drinking water
- **Effects:** untreated and uninspected water

# System Limitations

- Lack of staff
- Lack of financial capacity to implement solutions



# Physical Deficiencies

- Does Not Have Adequate Filtration
- Treatment to prevent leaching of lead and copper
- Storage Tank Undermined by Erosion



# Administrator of Cazadero Water Company

Brian Kidwell, P.E.  
Division of Drinking Water

## Introduction...Why?

- Section 116686 of California Health and Safety Code
- Designated water system
- Why?
  - System is in violation
  - Physical deficiencies
  - System limitations
  - Long-term sustainability



# What is a Full Scope Administrator?

- A person or entity who is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system
  - Shall have all necessary licenses and certifications for scope of appointment
  - Shall have sufficient experience for scope of appointment
  - Shall be subject to a background check.





# Full-Scope Administrator Tasks

- Address compliance orders and citations regarding Surface Water Treatment Rule and Corrosion Control Treatment.
- Address unpermitted source violations.
- Address water rights issues
- Work to secure funding for physical deficiencies and necessary repairs.



# Full-Scope Administrator Tasks



## Public meeting updates every 3 months:

- Performance
- Financial health
- Major projects or plans
- Changes to water rates
- General significant matters



## Public meeting prior to taking the following actions:

- Final operation budget
- Long term contracts
- Planning projects/infrastructure improvements
- Financing commitments



## Public Outreach

- Ten-day notice of public meeting
- Public comment period
- Regular updates to the community
- Translation services

# Full-Scope Administrator Tasks: Post Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

- Identification and evaluation of significant current and future issues of the system
- Detailed plan to develop adequate technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity to achieve compliance
- Determine resources needed to achieve adequate TMF
- Evaluation of feasibility of long-term public governance
- Evaluation of feasibility of connecting to or consolidating with another system



# Proposed Administrator

- **Russian River Utility**

- Russian River Utility is proposed to be the administrator of Cazadero Water Company
- Russian River Utility is a water and sewer management company
- Provides water treatment and distribution services in Sonoma County
- Provides normal operation, maintenance, monitoring, and preparation of reports

# Administrator Funding

## State Water Board will be responsible for:

- Salary and benefits for Administrator
- Administrative costs attributed solely to Administrator (working space, phones, furniture)
- Legal, accounting and other similar managerial fees

## Funding may be available for:

- construction and planning projects
- ongoing operation and maintenance costs

# Stakeholder and Community Input



Community members may submit a petition to the State Water Board for reversal or modification of a decision of an administrator or substitution of the administrator



Must be received by the State Board within 30 days of date of administrator's decision



State Board will review and act on the petition

# Next Steps

- Community can provide public comment through email or mail
- State Board and Russian River Utility will develop scope of work
- State Board will develop then execute funding agreement
- State Board will order the administrator
- Administrator will exercise total and complete managerial control over
- Administrator will hold public meetings every three months
- Administrator will develop Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

# Public Comments and Questions

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**SAFER PROGRAM**



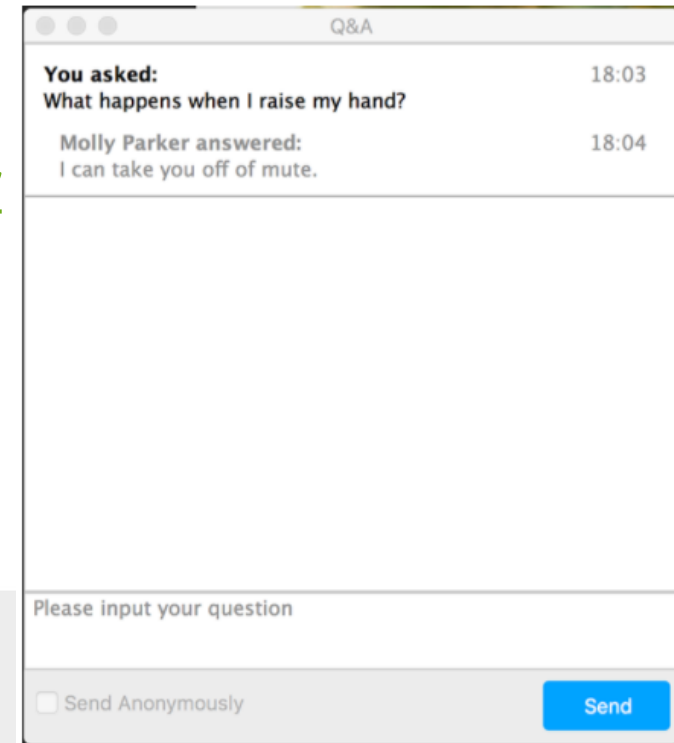
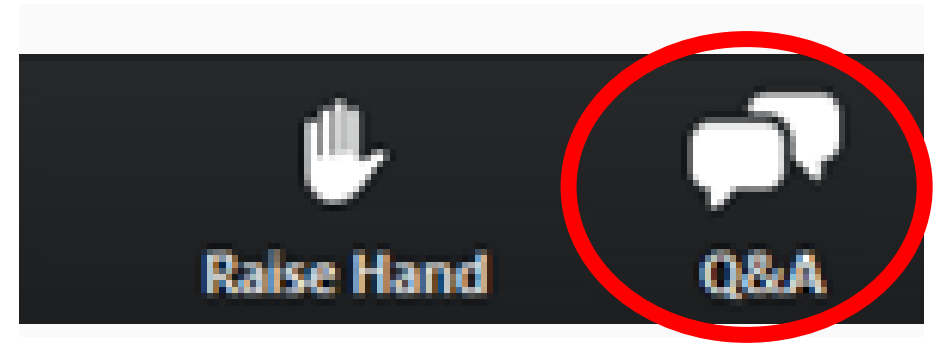
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# Phone Call-in Participation

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# Participation Instructions

When your name is called, share your...

- First and last name
- Affiliation
- Where you are calling in from
- Concise question or comment (*3 minutes max*)

# Comments? Questions?

- First and last name
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# Next Steps and Closing

# Next Steps:

## Public Comment Deadline - December 14, 2020

Submit comments to:

Brian Kidwell

State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water

31 E Channel Street

Stockton, CA 95202

**OR**

[DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov)

**OR**

(209) 948-3963

# Thank you!

Questions or comments please contact us:

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