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State Water Board Allocates \$2 Million in Funds for Interim Replacement Drinking Water for Economically Disadvantaged Communities

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SACRAMENTO - Today, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) allocated \$2 million in funding to assist the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to provide interim replacement drinking water for economically disadvantaged communities.

The funding will be provided to CDPH from the State Water Board-administered Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA). This funding will be administered by CDPH in accordance with the emergency drinking water criteria. A draft of the revised criteria can be accessed from the following link: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/funding/Pages/Prop84.aspx>. The funding will be provided to severely disadvantaged communities that are working with CDPH to achieve a long-term solution to address the contaminated drinking water supply. The available funds will provide these communities with safe drinking water in the interim.

The CDPH estimates that, as of September 2012, there are approximately 168 small water systems, that rely on contaminated groundwater as their source of drinking water where the groundwater consistently exceeds a primary safe drinking water standard, potentially requiring replacement drinking water.

For more information and to see the resolution considered by the State Water Board, Please visit: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2012/oct/101612_5.pdf and http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2012/oct/101612_5_changesheet_1.pdf

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