

East Orosi CSD *Public Meeting*

April 7, 2021
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

This meeting is being held in English and Spanish.

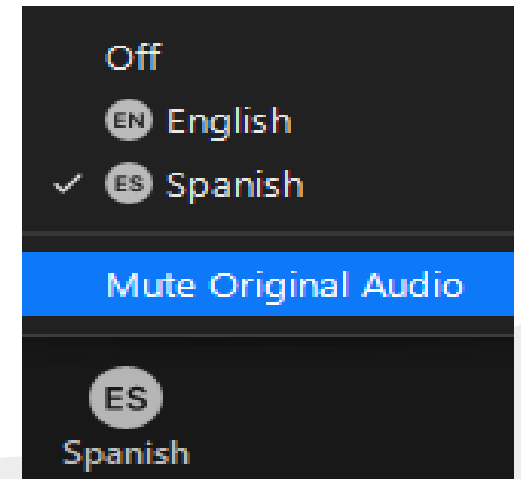
- **To listen and participate in Spanish**, enable the interpretation feature.
- Choose 'Español'
- Mute original audio.

Technical or Language Assistance:

- Raise your hand

OR

- Email DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov



How to Participate by Phone

Participate in SPANISH:

- Call **916.255.4069**, no codes needed
- Please mute your phone

Public Comment:

- Let Moderator know you have a question

OR

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Participate in ENGLISH:

- Call **1.669.900.9128**, enter Meeting ID 990 2912 5591 when prompted

Public Comment:

- Raise your hand by entering *9
- When called upon, enter *6 to unmute yourself

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Public Comment Instructions

Public Comment:

- Zoom Platform: Raise your hand or use chat feature
- On Spanish phone line: let Moderator know you have a question.
- On English phone line, raise hand by entering *9

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Call-in Participation

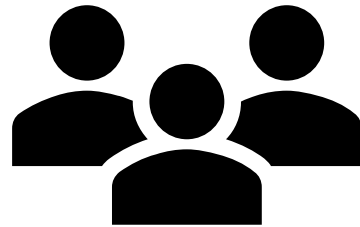
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Meeting Guidelines

- Everyone will be muted, until public comment
- If you are on the Spanish conference line, please remember to mute your phone until public comment
- Comments entered via chat will be documented and addressed during public comment



Let's Practice Raising and Lowering Hands!



*9 on English
conference line

Meeting Agenda

- Background of East Orosi CSD
- Overview of Administrator
- Potential Administrator and Scope of Work
- Community Involvement
- Next Steps
- Public Comments/Questions



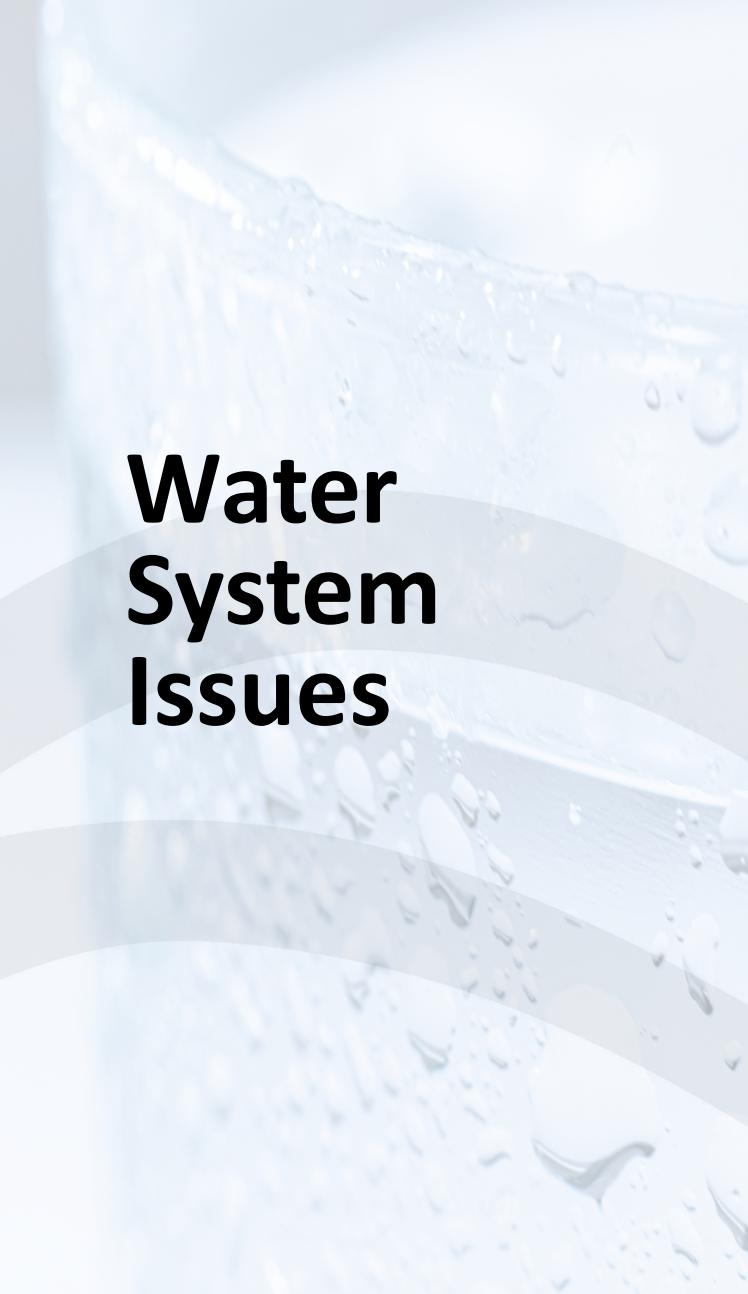
Water System Background East Orosi CSD

Bryan Potter, P.E.
Tulare District Engineer
Division of Drinking Water

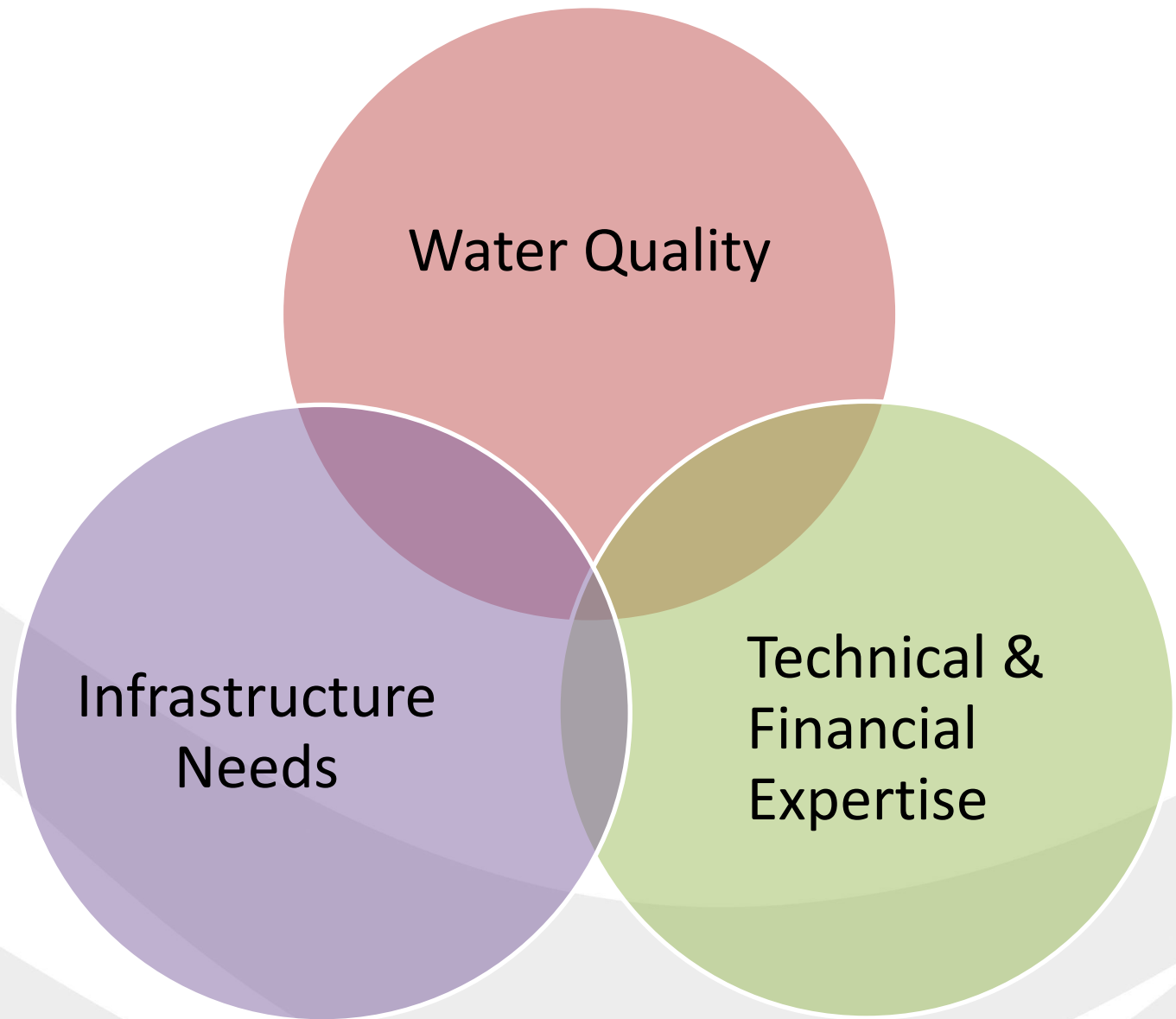
East Orosi Community Services District

- Population: 932
- Service Connections: 103

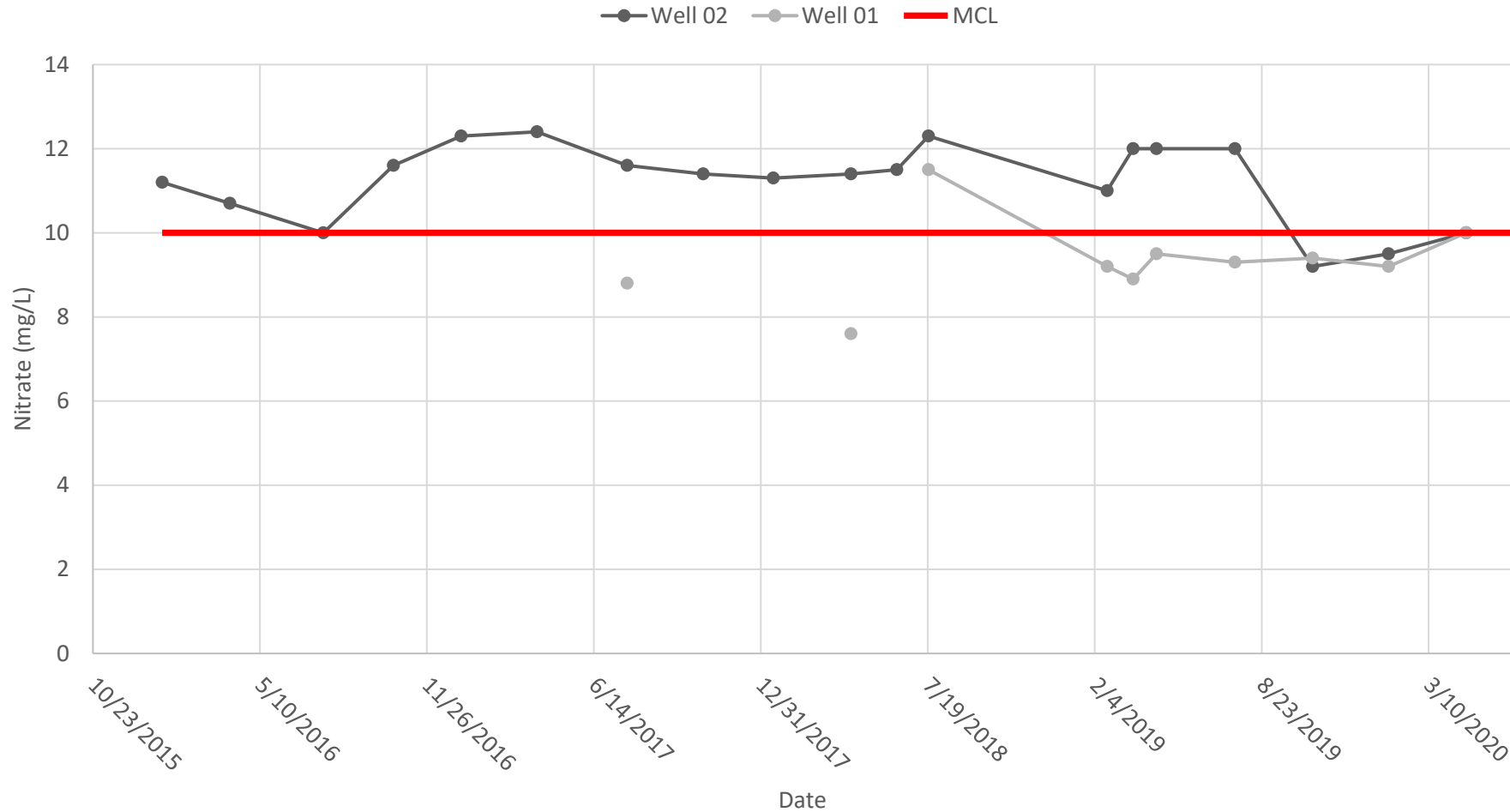




Water System Issues



Water Quality - Nitrate



Infrastructure Needs

- Currently no storage capacity
- Aging groundwater wells



Technical & Financial Expertise

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



Administrator Overview

Caitlin
Juarez Water Resource Control
Engineer Division of Drinking Water,
SAFER



ADMINISTRATORS



Administrator Authority

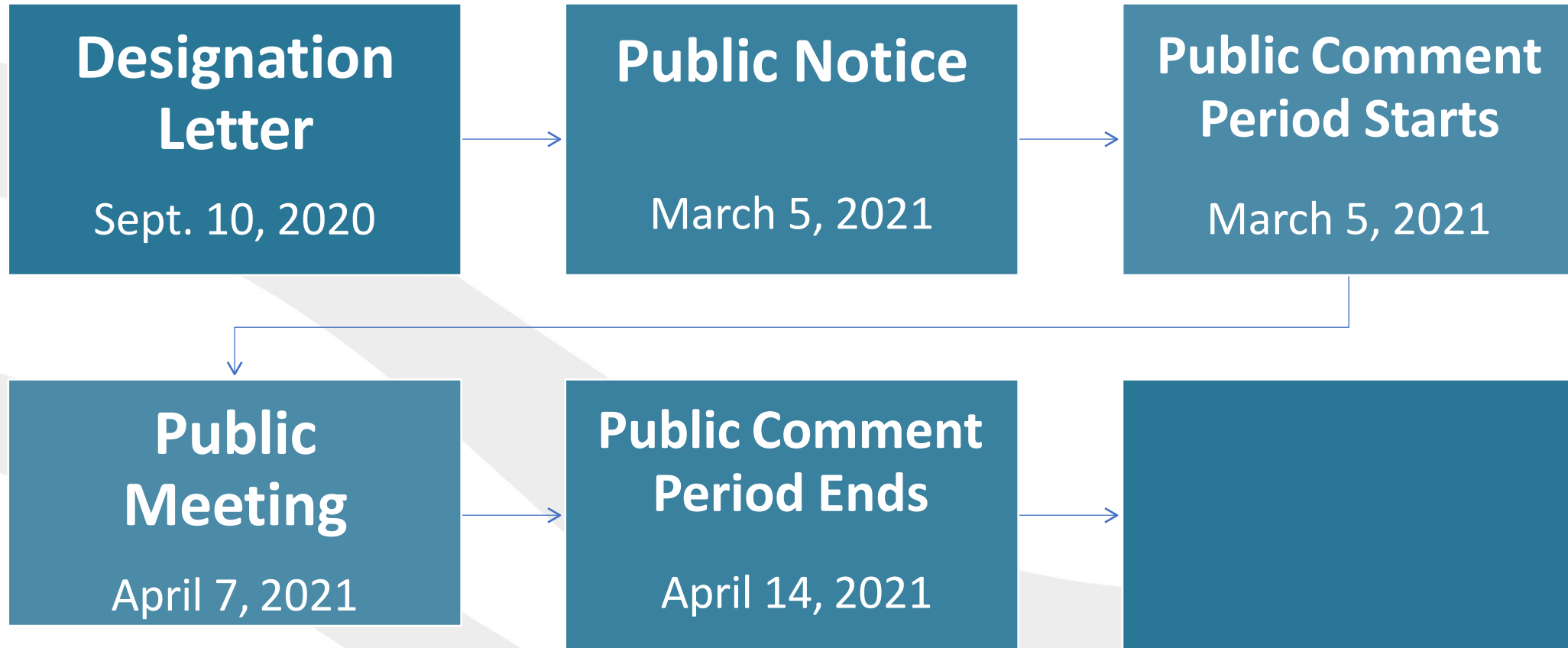
- How this applies to East Orosi:
 - A public water system or state small water system that serves a disadvantaged community and that the state board finds consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water.
- Policy Handbook:
http://bit.ly/SAFER_administrator_handbook

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



Administrator Appointment Process



Potential Administrator for East Orosi CSD

Karen Nishimoto, P.E.
Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
Division of Drinking Water, SAFER

Potential Administrator for East Orosi CSD

Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Qualifications:

- 30 years of experience in operating and maintaining community water and wastewater systems
- Successfully managed drinking water projects and consolidations.
- Technical staff necessary to implement and maintain solutions.
- Conflict of Interest: None Identified



Administrator: Scope of Work



- Facilitate consolidation efforts with Orosi Public Utilities District
- Assist in securing funding to implement a long-term solution

Community Accountability and Engagement Plan

- Administrator develops within 90 days
- Opportunity for Community Involvement
 - Public meetings at least once every three (3) months
 - Provide 10-day notice
 - Public comment
- Public access to records



Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

- Identify, evaluate, and address existing and potential technical, managerial, and financial issues
- Identify needed resources to address identified issues
- Evaluate long-term solutions to identified challenges
- For more information about the plan, visit the Administrator website:
https://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite



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.

Goals

- Safe and reliable drinking water
- Complete necessary tasks*:
 - Facilitate discussion with OPUD
 - Assist in securing funding
- Maintain public engagement
- Evaluate long-term solutions



East Orosi CSD

Public Comments/Questions

Vanessa Baiz Soto
Office of Public Participation

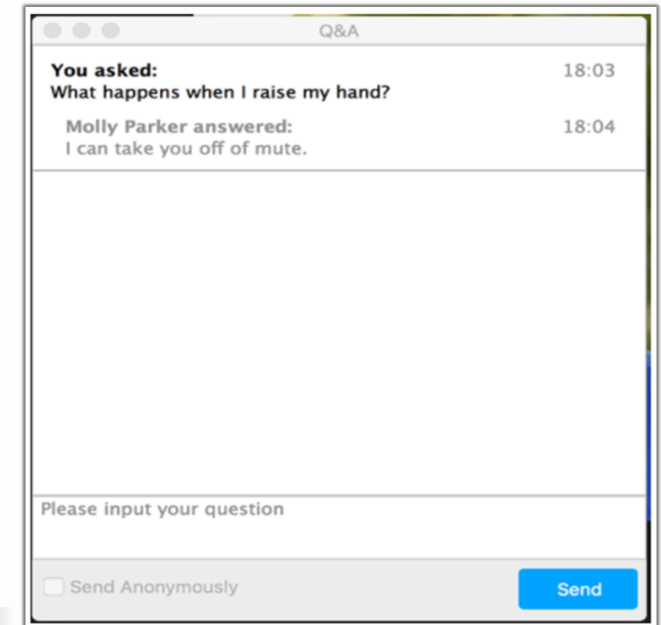
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When your name is called, share your...

- First and last name
- Affiliation
- Where you are calling in from
- Concise question or comment (*5 minutes max*)
- Email the following to DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

Next Steps and Closing

Next Steps

- Public Comment Deadline – April 14, 2021

Written comments and questions can be mailed or emailed to:

Caitlin Juarez
State Water Resources Control Board
265 W. Bullard Ave Suite #101
Fresno, CA 93704

OR

DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

OR

(559) 447-3395

- Administrator FAQ – visit the Water Board website at:
waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/administrator.html

Thank you!

Questions or comments please contact us:

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More information:

[https://bit.ly/DDW AdminWebsite](https://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite)