

Human Right to Water (HR2W) Update

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Background

- AB 685
- HR2W Resolution at State Water Board
- Yearly updates

Annual Update

- Where are we one year later?
- Three parts to HR2W:
 - 1) Safe and Clean
 - 2) Affordable
 - 3) Accessible
- Survey of our Board wide efforts towards implementation
- Success stories: Pratt Mutual, East Porterville

Resolves

1. Adopt HR2W as a core value
2. Encourages Regional Boards to consider HR2W in their actions
 1. Two regional Boards have adopted their own resolutions
 2. Lahontan – conducted private well sampling

Resolves

4. Work with stakeholders to develop performance measures
 - Portal

Resolves

5. Work with stakeholders and private businesses to explore ways to further the HR2W
 - Central Coast – Designated Board Member liaison
 - EJ coordinator at regional Boards
 - Consolidation efforts
 - OIMA– published new data sets of value to HR2W advocates

Resolves

6. Office of Sustainable Water Solutions to develop technical capacity and to allow affected community to pick their solution

Resolves

7. HR2W impacts will continue to be considered regarding all proposed Board actions
 - Central Coast Regional Board – Documents impacts related to Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program



Resolves

8. Meaningfully engage with communities
 - East Porterville
 - ORPP -Integrated HR₂W into safe drinking water work, climate change, conservation and SGMA outreach efforts
 - Central Coast Regional Board – EJ tours
 - EJ Representation on the Regional Boards



Resolves

9. Meaningful engagement with communities on impacts of each project, plan and decisions
 - Collaboration with Disadvantaged Communities

Resolves

10. Consider existing laws and policies that are relevant to the HR2W
 - OWTS Policy

Resolves

11. Incentivize regional approaches when establishing financial assistance programs
 - Central Coast Regional Board – Innovative wellhead treatment at 3 DAC wells
 - Central Coast Regional Board – Discussing permitting issues with DDW, counties & permittees

Resolves

12. Regional boards to incentivize policies that allow for local interim drinking water while long-term permanent solution is developed
 - Central Valley Board – CV Salts program
 - Central Coast Regional Board – Developed Drinking Water Dashboard to report progress to the public on seeking replacement water

Human Right to Water (HR2W) Portal- Resolution #4

- Formed following the State Water Board Resolution
- Led by the Division of Drinking Water
- Group is multi-disciplinary, cross-divisional, and multi-agency

Work Group – Goals

- To create datasets and maps and make the information available to the public
- To establish metrics defining what it means for Californians to have water that is:
 - 1) Safe and Clean
 - 2) Affordable
 - 3) Accessible

Web Portal

[HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER PORTAL](#)

Work Group – Next Steps

- Respond to HR2W portal inquires
- Improve web portal based on feedback
- Improve the data quality
- Improve the current data set
- Accessibility section
- Affordability section

Office of Enforcement

- Dedicated staff
- Revision of Water Quality Enforcement Policy
- Upcoming revision of Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Policy
- Ongoing work with CalEPA's Environmental Justice Task Force

Affordable

- AB 401
 - UCLA Contract
 - Initial Scoping Meetings
 - February 8, 2017 workshop – Initial Economic Analysis
- Next Steps:
 - 2nd Round of Public Workshops
 - Refine Programmatic and Administrative Options
- Report to the Legislature due February 1, 2018

Accessible

- Grants for EJ communities
- Consolidations
- Stakeholder outreach
 - Prop 1 technical assistance

Media coverage

The screenshot shows the Los Angeles Times website. The main article is titled "After years without water, taps are turned on in East Porterville" and features a photo of a woman and a man holding glasses of water. To the right, there is a video player with the title "SOUTH VALLEY COMMUNITY NO LONGER HAS TO WORRY ABOUT WATER CONTAMINATED BY ARSENIC". Below the main article, there are smaller sections for "2017 MOTOR TREND CAR OF THE YEAR" and "In Case You Missed It".

Resource Guide

The cover features the text "Citizen's Guide to working with the California Water Boards" in white and blue. Below this, the phrase "...get involved..." is written in a white cursive font. At the bottom, there is the logo for the California Water Boards, which includes the text "CALIFORNIA Water Boards" and "STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS". The background shows a close-up of hands shaking in a firm grip.

Drinking Water Resource Guide

- EJ and DACs
- Central Valley & Central Coast Regions
- Discusses common contaminants
- Answers common questions
- Water Board resources and contacts
- Local community based resources
- English and Spanish

Success Stories

- Pratt Mutual
 - SB 88 consolidation
- East Porterville (continuing)
 - Established relationships with local community members and EJ partners. Built trust
 - Assisted in signing up residents to be connected
 - 244 homes connected
 - Phase 1 completion in Spring 2017
 - Estimate of 293 homes connected





Next steps

- Annual update
- Portal Enhancement
- Post statewide HR2W survey results
- Continued engagement with communities and stakeholders
- EJ Summit late June 2017