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CALIFORNIA'S WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY

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

Division of Water Quality

Recycled Water

Reuse at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030 and 1.8 million acre-feet by 2040, with most of that additional recycling involving direct wastewater discharges that are now going to the ocean. (Action 1.1)

The California Water Supply Strategy requires the State Water Board, by January 1, 2024, to work with local water and sanitation agencies to identify recycled water projects that hold the potential to be operational by 2030 and by no later than 2040. The Water Supply Strategy also directs the State Water Board to convene a strike team to identify and resolve permitting and funding obstacles for recycled water projects.

Staff has developed the Draft List of Planned Recycled Water Projects (Draft List) that hold the potential to be operational by 2030 and by no later than 2040. The Draft List includes key project information and projections for increases in recycled water by 2030 and by 2040. The Draft List was developed through collation of multiple data sources and outreach to individual facilities and industry groups to verify project status and recycled water increase projections. Staff shared the Draft List at a November 13, 2023 Strike Team meeting and is finalizing the Draft List to prepare for transmittal to the Governor's Office by January 1, 2024.

Division of Water Rights

Groundwater Recharge (Action 2.1) On November 6, the Division issued a 180-day temporary permit to North San Joaquin Water Conservation District. The permit allows the District to divert up to 1,350 acre-feet of water from the Mokelumne River in San Joaquin County from November 6 to 30 in response to anticipated releases from Lake Camanche, which received high runoff last winter. The District will store diverted water underground for later irrigation.

The Division is processing temporary groundwater recharge permit applications for the following districts: (1) Scott Valley Irrigation District, (2) Stockton East Water District, (3) South Sutter Water District, (4) Dunnigan Water District, (5) Aliso Water District,

(6) Merced Irrigation District, and (7) Colusa Groundwater Authority. For project status, visit bit.ly/temporaryrechargepermits.

Water Code section 1242.1 (authorized in July 2023) clarifies how water diverted for flood management can be used to recharge aquifers without a permit and directs the Board to post related information on its website. The Division has developed that website: waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/groundwater-recharge/recharge-diversions.html. As of November 13, no parties are using the new provisions. Board staff gave a [presentation](#) on this as part of a recent California Department of Fish and Wildlife workshop.

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Statewide Wastewater Needs Assessment

On July 1, 2023, the State Water Board awarded the University of California Los Angeles Luskin Center for Innovation (LCI) and its partners a \$4 million Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) contract until 2027 to assess California's water-related sanitation needs and wastewater systems. Partners include the Office of Water Programs at California State University, Sacramento; the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources system; and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The research agenda has two phases:

- I. Understanding baseline conditions of California's wastewater infrastructure and
- II. Identifying wastewater systems of concern and potential solutions.

The WWNA team is currently implementing Phase I, which includes research to:

- Identify hotspots of wastewater systems of concern;
- Identify data gaps and possible solutions;
- Identify disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities' septic-sewer access needs;
- Identify the broad challenges of sanitation needs for non-traditional communities, tribal sovereignties, and community-level climate change impacts;
- Define and develop criteria for failing, inadequate, and at-risk systems; and
- Evaluate the costs to improve those systems.

Below is a list of upcoming Phase 1 milestones:

- Gathering sanitation system wastewater data across multiple sources internal and external to the Water Boards and documenting data gaps related to wastewater systems and needs in California (anticipated through Summer of 2024) to inform WWNA Phase II.
- Developing a public water-related sanitation needs survey (survey anticipated to be open before Spring 2024) to collect lived-experiences from communities and tribes on their access to water-related sanitation.
- Developing a public advisory group process to support the WWNA team and Water Board staff in the development of recommendations back to the State Water Board (application process anticipated before Spring 2024).

The WWNA team is working closely with internal and external interested parties on the WWNA implementation. Along the way, there will be opportunities for the public to engage on WWNA information and on the draft deliverables. Please visit the State Water Board [WWNA website](#) and to sign up for the WWNA Gov Delivery Bulletin for updates. Please direct questions to: wwna@waterboards.ca.gov and to wwna@luskin.ucla.edu.

Composting General Order, Related Performance Measures, and Organic Materials Management – 2023 Annual Report

On August 4, 2015, the State Water Board adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (Composting General Order, Order WQ 2015-0121-DWQ) with Resolution No. 2015-0054. The Resolution directed staff to develop performance measures for the implementation of the Composting General Order and to report on the progress of compliance with the Composting General Order. The Composting General Order was revised on April 7, 2020; the changes did not necessitate modifications to the performance measures. There are 100 facilities enrolled or in the process of enrolling under the Composting General Order, 25 facilities enrolled under individual orders and 7 identified as exempt from the Composting General Order. The full text of the 2023 annual report is available on the State Water Board's Compost website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost) and presents information on implementation of the Composting General Order through October 2023.

Standardization of Municipal Stormwater Cost Reporting

Division of Water Quality staff is developing revisions to the proposed Draft Policy for 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. Beta testing of the proposed cost reporting system was completed in November 2023, and beta test participants are providing valuable feedback and insights that will be integrated into the revised proposed Draft Policy. Staff are also reviewing public comments received by October 3, 2023 and incorporating the public input into the revised proposed Draft Policy. The revised proposed Draft Policy is anticipated to be released for additional public comment in Spring 2024.

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 [Statewide and Regional Policies / Significant General Permits website](#)

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Right Permits: The Permitting Section issued 3 permits for the temporary diversion and use of water as summarized in the table below.

| Primary Owner | Application ID | Permit ID | Date Issued | Brief Description |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|
| CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESEOURCES | T033397, T033398, T033399 | 21450, 21451, 21452 | 10/31/2023 | Permits authorize diversion from November 1, 2023 to April 28, 2024 of up 140.2 acre-feet (AF), 4.4 AF, and 168 AF of water, respectively, from streams tributary to the Salton Sea. Diversions are authorized for irrigation and dust control for implementation of Salton Sea Management Program. |

Water Right Petitions: Between July 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023, the Petition, Licensing & Registration Section completed 37 petitions as summarized in the table below.

| Primary Owner | Application ID | Petition Type | Date Completed | Brief Description |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---|
| JOHN SPENCER | J000006 | Change | 7/10/2023 | Cancel request for change to dedicate flow to instream use. |

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| US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION and DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES | A000023, A000234, A001465, A005628, A005638, A009363, A009364, A009368, A013370, A013371, A015374, A015375, A015764, A016767, A017374, A017376 A014443 | Transfer Temporary | 7/21/2023 | Approved temporary transfer to facilitate water exchange up to 405,785 acre-feet between the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. |
| GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT | A009686 A029981 | Change | 7/28/2023 | Issued amended permits. |
| DUCKHORN WINE COMPANY | A030794 | Request Minor Change | 8/8/2023 9/29/2023 | Approved request for minor change to modify the water right application and withdrew the change petition. |
| MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT | A001224 | Transfer Temporary | 8/18/2023 | Approved request for temporary transfer of up to 25,000 acre-feet to various agencies by reservoir release from Lake McClure. |
| QUAIL LODGE INC | A030149 | Change | 8/21/2023 | Cancellation of change petition to split the water right application. |
| EUGENE J M MCFADDEN | A024209A A024209B A024571A A024571B | Extension of Time | 8/30/2023 | Withdrawal of petitions for extension of time. |
| HESTAN VINEYARDS, LLC. | A031635 | Request Minor Change | 9/6/2023 | Approved request for minor change to modify the water right application. |

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| CARDOZA RANCH PARTNERSHIP | J000029 | Change | 9/13/2023 | Approved request to modify the point of diversion, purpose of use, and place of use of the adjudicated water right and dedicate flow to instream use. |
| SOUTH SUTTER WATER DISTRICT | A014804 | Transfer Temporary | 10/5/2023 | Approved request for temporary transfer of up to 2,999 acre-feet of water from South Sutter Water District to Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency via reservoir release. |
| TREASURY WINE ESTATES | A029381 | Request Minor Change | 10/10/2023 | Approved request for minor change to modify the water right application. |
| LAUREL COMMUNITY LEAGUE INCORPORATED | A015612 | Request Minor Change | 10/13/2023 | Cancellation of minor change request. |
| BRAD INGRAM | D032954 | Change | 10/19/2023 | Approved request to change the place of storage. |
| GUND REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC | A019938 | Request Minor Change | 10/23/2023 | Approved minor change to the purpose of use and the place of use. |

City of Davis Wastewater Change: The City of Davis’ (City) wastewater change petition (WW0111) was approved on October 31, 2023. Through the change petition, the quantity of discharge of treated wastewater from the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) may be reduced by up to 2,016 acre-feet per year to provide for water recycling. The treated wastewater will be reused for irrigation, industrial, and municipal purposes within the Overland Flow Area located east of the WWTP, the Yolo County Central Landfill, the Davis Restoration Wetlands, and within City limits.

Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch

Staff Workshop on Modeling Used in Draft Staff Report in support of potential Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan: On November 2, 2023, Bay Delta Sections staff held a workshop to discuss modeling tools used in the draft Staff Report in support of potential Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan) and to answer modeling-related

questions to facilitate review of the draft Staff Report. The workshop included a staff presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session. A video recording and the staff presentation slides have been posted to the State Water Board's [website](#).

Tribal Workshop on Draft Staff Report in support of potential Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan: On November 9, 2023, Bay Delta Sections staff held a tribal workshop to provide an overview and answer question on the draft Staff Report for tribal representatives. The workshop included a staff presentation on the draft Staff Report, a question-and-answer session on the draft Staff Report, and a harmful algal blooms (HABs) presentation focused on addressing HABs in the Delta followed by a HABs question and answer session. A video recording and workshop materials have been posted to the State Water Board's [website](#).

Public Hearing on Draft Staff Report in support of potential Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan: On November 17, 2023, the State Water Board began a public hearing to receive oral comments on the draft Staff Report in support of potential Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. The draft Staff Report was released for public review on September 28, 2023 and is available on the State Water Board's [website](#). The hearing included a staff presentation, followed by public comment. The hearing will continue on December 1, and conclude on December 11, 2023.

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

Scott and Shasta Rivers: As of August 1, 2023, the [Drought Emergency Regulation](#) is no longer in effect.

- *Shasta River Conditions.* Flows at the [Yreka United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) gage](#) have ranged between 123 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 141 cfs in the 30 days ending November 16, 2023. The minimum flow requirement in the expired regulation was 105 cfs for the month of October and then increased to 125 cfs for remainder of the year. The Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District (Watermaster) continues to manage diversions within its authorities.
- *Scott River Conditions.* The Scott River flow requirement in the expired emergency regulation, as measured at the [Fort Jones USGS gage](#), was 40 cfs for October and 60 cfs for November, increasing to 150 cfs in December. In the 30-day period ending November 16, 2023, flows ranged between 51 cfs and 81 cfs.
- *Emergency Regulation Development and Engagement Efforts.* On October 31, 2023, staff held in-person listening sessions in Siskiyou County to hear feedback from the community on their experience with the previous emergency regulation and future long-term efforts. A [preliminary draft emergency regulation](#) was released for public comment on November 7, 2023, with comments due by November 16, 2023. A virtual meeting was held on the preliminary draft regulation on November 14, 2023, at which staff presented proposed changes from the previous emergency

regulation and answered questions; the meeting also provided an opportunity for parties to provide comments on the preliminary draft.

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

Water Right Annual Fees for Fiscal Year 2023-24: On November 15, 2023, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), on behalf of the State Water Board, issued approximately 13,000 annual water right fee invoices totaling \$30.8 million. Fee payers must pay their fees to CDTFA by no later than December 15, 2023 to avoid penalties and interest. Fee payers should contact [CDTFA](#) directly to make payments. For all other questions, fee payers may contact the Water Board by email at WaterRightsFees@waterboards.ca.gov or call 916-341-5431 for assistance.

As background, water rights fees are based on the fees adopted by emergency regulation at the State Water Board’s September 19, 2023 meeting. Fees are adjusted annually to conform to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature to support portions of the Division of Water Rights. The Office of Administrative Law approved the emergency regulation effective November 2, 2023.

Drought Response Actions

Clear Lake Hitch Tribal Summit: A coalition of Native American Tribes including the Big Valley Rancheria, Robinson Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Habematolel of Upper Lake, Scott Valley Band of Pomo, and the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California hosted the second annual Clear Lake Hitch Government Summit on November 29 and 30. The purpose of the summit was to bring together leaders from Tribes and local, state, and federal government agencies to find collaborative and equitable solutions to the Clear Lake hitch emergency. Staff from the Division of Water Rights presented on the State Water Board’s role in the Clear Lake hitch emergency and activities to date including enforcement actions, funding, monitoring, and possible emergency regulations.

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 October 2023.

| Drinking Water Projects Funded (October 2023) | | |
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| Project # | Recipient – Project Purpose | Funding Amount |
| 0310001-001P | Jackson, City of - The project proposes to provide planning and assist with preparation | \$495,574 |

| Drinking Water Projects Funded (October 2023) | | |
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| | of a construction application to replace the Martell Reservoir. | |
| 0610002-002C | Colusa, City of - The Project will promote reliability and water conservation in the Walnut Ranch community by installing water meters, replacing old piping, installing fire hydrants, and properly abandoning two wells. | \$3,346,048 |
| 2900502-002C | Floriston Property Owners Association, Inc. - The Project includes the planning and design work necessary to upgrade the existing source and treatment system such that water produced meets State and Federal drinking water standards. | \$5,326,993 |
| 3710011-001P | Jacumba Community Services District - The funding under this Agreement shall be used to evaluate, design, and develop documents necessary to bring the Recipient into compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16 Waterworks Standards, for source/storage/infrastructure. | \$228,820 |
| 4600012-008C | Alleghany County Water District - The project is to replace the Alleghany County Water District's (District) existing water source, which is groundwater under the direct influence (GWUDI) of surface water, by equipping the horizontal test well, and converting it into the District's primary drinking water source. | \$1,500,000 |
| 4710008-003C | Mt. Shasta, City of - The proposed project includes replacing steel water mains with PVC pipelines of varying sizes in four areas - Orem Street, N. Mt Shasta Boulevard, Lake Street, and S. Mt Shasta Boulevard. Additionally, several fire hydrants and water meters for existing customers will be installed. | \$8,237,500 |
| 5510008-014P | Lake Don Pedro Community Services District - This project will use test wells to help determine the Selected Project. The Engineering Report will also examine the failing infrastructure which is past its Useful Life. | \$500,000 |

| Drinking Water Projects Funded (October 2023) | | |
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| D2217012 | Firebaugh, City of - The urgent portion of the funding request is to provide a 500,000-gallon Storage Tank and all the required components that stores and pumps the sole source of drinking water to the community of Las Deltas. | \$499,430 |
| EDWG-5410010-019C | Porterville, City of - The Project includes the full consolidation of the Del Oro Water Company (DOWC) Grandview Gardens and the DOWC East Plano water systems with the City of Porterville to provide for a long-term sustainable drinking water supply. | \$8,123,000 |
| Drinking Water Projects Amended (October 2023) | | |
| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose | |
| 1510007-002C | Frazier Park Public Utility District – Incorporate FBA and extend agreement dates. | |
| 1610001-008C | Armona Community Services District – Incorporate FBA and extend agreement dates. | |
| 1710006-005C | Konocti County Water District – Extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$642,934. | |
| 3610032-001C | Needles, City of – Extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$67,645. | |
| 4300779-001C | Lakeside Joint School District – Extend agreement dates. | |
| Wastewater Projects Funded (October 2023) | | |
| Project # | Recipient – Project Purpose | Funding Amount |
| 8421-110 | Colusa, City of - The City of Colusa will abandon 73 individual septic systems in Walnut Ranch community and install new sewer lines to connect to the City's collection system. | \$4,480,684 |
| 8463-110 | Coachella Valley Water District - The Project will connect Sunbird Mobile Home Park and Torres-Martinez Community Center to the Recipient's sewer system. The Project will assist disadvantaged communities with water quality needs and provide the backbone to benefit additional disadvantaged communities in the future. | \$10,081,088 |

**Drinking Water Projects Funded
(October 2023)**

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| 8579-110 | Coachella Valley Water District - The Project will connect Oasis Gardens Mobile Home Park to the District's sewer system. The Project will assist a severely disadvantaged community with water quality needs and provide the backbone to benefit additional disadvantaged communities in the future. | \$2,806,686 |
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**Wastewater Projects Amended
(October 2023)**

| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose | |
|-----------|--|--|
| 7851-210 | Newell County Water District – Extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$4,196,863. | |
| 8036-210 | Loleta Community Services District – Extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$107,667. | |
| 8160-210 | American Valley Community Services District – Extend agreement dates. | |
| 8378-210 | Calaveras Unified School District – Incorporate FBA and increase funding by \$3,643,845. | |
| 8387-110 | Russian River County Sanitation District – Extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$2,089,915. | |
| 8410-110 | Grenada Sanitary District – Extend agreement dates | |
| 8472-110 | Twentynine Palms, City of – Extend agreement dates | |
| 8572-110 | Coalinga, City of – Extend agreement dates | |

Administrator Summary

No new administrator agreements and one amended administrator agreement was approved in the month of October 2023.

**Administrator Agreements Amended
(October 2023)**

| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose | |
|-----------|--|--|
| D2118201 | Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. – Extend work completion date by 4 years and increase funding by \$9,000,000 to continue implementing the project and act as the assigned Administrator for a total of 9 water systems throughout the state. | |

Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

No new updates or O&M agreements were approved in the month of October 2023.

Technical Assistance Summary

No request for emergency funding under the Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund projects were approved in the month of October 2023.

One new technical assistance agreement and one amended technical assistance agreement were approved in the month of October 2023.

| Technical Assistance Agreements Approved (October 2023) | | |
|--|--|----------------|
| Project # | Recipient – Project Purpose | Funding Amount |
| D2317005 | Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) – SHE will assist in the implementation of Backup Generator Funding Program to install backup generators water systems serving small, disadvantaged communities within SHE's service area. | \$3,774,031 |

| Technical Assistance Agreements Amended (October 2023) | |
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| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose |
| 33449 | Community Water Center – Extend work completion date by 4 years and increase funding by \$4,767,836. |

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 450 Drinking Water Systems (167 Failing and 87 At-Risk systems) and to 80 Wastewater Systems. 42.9% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the technical assistance work plans approved in the month of October 2023.

| Work Plan Type | Work Plan No. | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved | HR2W Status | Primary MCL Violation |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Work Plan Amendment | 6326-C | Carrisa Plains Elementary School | Full planning to resolve nitrate MCL exceedance compliance order | RCAC | DW | \$337,374 (\$301,785 Increase) | Failing | Nitrate |
| New Work Plan | 6956-A | Carver Tract MWC | Full planning project for consolidation with Indio Water Authority | GHD | DW | \$872,281 (New Work Plan) | At-Risk | N/A |

| Work Plan Type | Work Plan No. | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved | HR2W Status | Primary MCL Violation |
|----------------|---------------|--|--|--------------|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| New Work Plan | 6801-A | Island Union Elementary School | Assist with corrosion study and planning application | SHE | DW | \$118,462 (New Work Plan) | Potentially At-Risk | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 7013-A | Clear Skies, El Rancho, & Terra Nova MHPs | Full planning to consolidation with LACWWD. | P&P | DW | \$403,718 (New Work Plan) | At-Risk (All 3 systems) | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 7014-A | Lake Arrowhead Community Services District - Rimforest | Consolidation feasibility study | P&P | DW | \$72,081 (New Work Plan) | Not At-Risk | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 7015-A | Evergreen Mutual Water Company | Consolidation feasibility study | P&P | DW | \$85,751 (New Work Plan) | Not At-Risk | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 7025-A | Echo Valley School WS | Feasibility Study | P&P | DW | \$85,751 (New Work Plan) | Failing | Arsenic; TTHM |
| New Work Plan | 7047-A | Oak Heights W & R Co Inc | Feasibility Study | P&P | DW | \$110,701 (New Work Plan) | Failing | Nitrate |
| New Work Plan | 6883-A | Hacienda Apartments | Feasibility study for consolidation with City of Soledad | RCAC | WW | \$127,757 (New Work Plan) | Failing | Nitrate |
| New Work Plan | 6915-A | Antelope Blvd area - Tehama County | Feasibility study to address failing OWTS | RCAC | WW | \$255,660 (New Work Plan) | N/A | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 6962-A | Patterson Tract CSD | Legal assistance for consolidation agreements, easements, service agreements, etc. | UCD | DW | \$113,484 (New Work Plan) | Potentially At-Risk | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 6943-A | Bella Vista WS | Legal assistance for consolidation, easements, water service agreements | UCD | DW | \$67,335 (New Work Plan) | Failing | Arsenic |

| Work Plan Type | Work Plan No. | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved | HR2W Status | Primary MCL Violation |
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| Work Plan Amendment | 6421-B | Fisherman's Retreat | Feasibility study to address iron, manganese violations and potential consolidation. | RCAC | DW | \$56,446 (\$9,474 Increase) | Failing | N/A (Secondary MCL violations) |
| New Work Plan | 7006-A | Valenzuela Water System | Consolidation full planning to address nitrate violations (transferred from Prop 1) | RCAC | DW | \$378,115 (New Work Plan) | At-Risk | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 6369-C | Gabilan Water Company/Middlefield Rd water systems | Full planning for consolidation with Cal Water Salinas | RCAC | DW | \$1,389,461 (\$1,321,278 Increase) | Not At-Risk | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 5997-E | City of Alturas | Planning application for system improvements | RCAC | DW | \$15,071 (No Change) | Potentially At-Risk | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 6693-B | Jonata Ranchos Owners Association | Feasibility study to address arsenic and selenium MCL violations | UEI | DW | \$48,520 (No Change) | Failing | Arsenic; selenium |
| New Work Plan | 6909-A | White Fence Farms Mutual Water Company | Assistance with aquifer zone sampling and testing | UEI | DW | \$51,485 (New Work Plan) | Not At-Risk | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 6856-B | San Lucas County Water District | Engineering Report to evaluate options for long term solutions | UEI | DW | \$163,573 (\$5,115 Increase) | Failing | Nitrate |
| Work Plan Amendment | 6571-C | Cascade Racquet Club | Full planning project to consolidate with the City of Redding | UEI | DW | \$112,374 (No Change) | Not At-Risk | N/A |

| Work Plan Type | Work Plan No. | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved | HR2W Status | Primary MCL Violation |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| New Work Plan | 6969-A | Sutter Pines MHP | Perform a feasibility study on a master meter consolidation between the City of Jackson and Sutter Pines MHP | Stantec | DW | \$74,679 (New Work Plan) | Potentially At-Risk | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 5076-E | Matheny Tract | Community outreach and consolidation coordination to connect to the County of Tulare for sewer service | LCJA | WW | \$26,420 (No Change) | N/A | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 6420-C | Halcyon Water System | Consolidation planning project to resolve nitrate MCL exceedance compliance order | RCAC | DW | \$475,997 (\$396,878 Increase) | Failing | N/A |
| Work Plan Amendment | 5484-D | Sierra Foothill Charter | DWSRF construction funding agreement assistance | SHE | DW | \$157,700 (\$300 Increase) | At-Risk | N/A |
| New Work Plan | 7024-A | Lemon Cove | Full planning to address WWTF issues | SHE | WW | \$40,303 (New Work Plan) | N/A | N/A |

* TA Providers:

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| 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

Additionally, the following Technical Assistance Requests were approved as capacity development/subvention tasks:

| AR Number | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider | TA Type |
|-----------|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| 7069 | Verde Vale Elementary School | Drought Reporting | RCAC | DW |
| 7072 | Sunrise Mobilehome Park | Drought Reporting | RCAC | DW |
| 7076 | City of Tulelake | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7077 | Shasta CSA - Cragview #23 | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7078 | Manila Community Services District | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7079 | Cuyama CSD | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7080 | City of Trinidad | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7083 | Twain Harte Community Services District | Income Survey | RCAC | DW |
| 7084 | Apple Valley Foothill County Water District | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7085 | Majestic Pines CSD | Rate Study | RCAC | DW |
| 7086 | Trinity Knolls Mutual Water Company | Risk Assessment | CRWA | DW |

Capacity development is focused on building the technical, managerial, and financial capacity of water and wastewater systems, including rate evaluation, assistance on compliance requirements, and preparing funding applications.

**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)**

| SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments October 2023 | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Recipient | Project Purpose | Funding Amount | Funding Program | Category |
| Self Help Enterprises | The funding will address the high demand and pending applications for domestic well drilling Self Help has received through their Regional Domestic Well Program (D2017017). The amendment will also be adding to the scope of work Self Help's proposed domestic water well education pilot. | \$35,000,000 | CA Emergency Relief Fund | Construction |
| Lake Morena Views MWC | The amended approval will support additional funding to their existing bottled water/pilot test agreement to further supplement IRWM funding for the installation of a 100,000-gallon storage tank, extension of the current bottled water funding, and support of short-term operations and maintenance (O&M) funding shortfall in addition to the prior pilot O&M approval while an administrator agreement is established. | \$564,098 | SADW | Construction, O&M and Interim DW |

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

The following request for Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding was approved in October 2023.

| CAA Approved Projects and Amendments October 2023 | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Recipient | Project Purpose | Funding Amount | Funding Program | Category |
| Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board - Big Basin Water Company | CAA Emergency Funding Request for Big Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Emergency Temporary Operations | \$245,000 | CAA | Wastewater Operations |

Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program

No updates for the month of October 2023.

Program Support Unit

Program Support Unit marketing coordinator participated in two free virtual and one in-person funding fairs as a member of the California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) virtually on November 1, 8, and in-person on November 14, 2023. Staff presented information about the Division's financial assistance programs.

The CFCC funding fair provides the opportunity for the public to learn more about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies.

Representatives from water industry professionals, public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes were invited to attend. This includes city managers and planners, economic development and engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors, and project consultants.

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

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 37 permits were documented between October 16, 2023, and November 15, 2023.

| Water System | Permit Type | Permit Purpose |
|--|--------------------|--|
| FCSA #44D/MONTE VERDI | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADD CHLORINATION |
| COUNTRYSIDE CARE CENTER | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| CSA 70-F MORONGO | FULL PERMIT | LPA WATER SUPPLY PERMIT |
| CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER | FULL PERMIT | ADD CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION |
| U AND A MINI MART | FULL PERMIT | NEW WATER SYSTEM |
| GREAT WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADD CONT CHLORINATION |
| U AND A MINI MART | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT CUSHENBURY | FULL PERMIT | PERMIT UPDATE & TECHNICAL REPORT |
| SUNDALE UNION SCHOOL | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADD CONT CHLORINATION WELL 01 |
| MONO VISTA RANCH MHP | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| BAKMAN WATER COMPANY | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADD CONT CL2 & REACTIVATE WELL 10 |
| RIVERSTONE/ROOTCREEK WATER DISTRICT | FULL PERMIT | UPDATED TO REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS |
| COWPUNCHERS FOUNTAIN SPRINGS | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| J VINEYARDS & WINERY | FULL PERMIT | NEW ARSENIC TREATMENT |
| NEW HORIZONS MOBILE/RV PARK | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| MOTHER LODGE MOBILE ESTATES | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| EVERGREEN MOBILE HOME PARK | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| PACIFIC SCIENTIFIC ENERGETIC MATS. COMP. | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | REMOVE ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT |
| PRIMA WAWONA - CUTLER PLANT | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| SAN FERNANDO-CITY, WATER DEPT. | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | WELL NO. 2A NITRATE TREATMENT & WEEKLY SAMPLING AFTER IX PLANT |
| YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | WELLS 2, 12, 14, 24, AND 37 INACTIVATION LETTER |
| RIVERSIDE, CITY OF | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | INACTIVATE STILES WELL |

| | | |
|--|-------------------|--|
| UNITED WTR CONS DIST | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | WELL 13 STAND-BY TO ACTIVE |
| TURLOCK, CITY OF | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | WELLS 4 & 35 ACTIVE TO INACTIVE |
| HOLLAND PARK WEST | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| MOONEY GROVE PARK | FULL PERMIT | UPDATE PERMIT PROVISIONS |
| MK PROPERTIES | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| STONY CREEK LODGE | FULL PERMIT | UPDATED PERMIT PROVISIONS |
| LIBERTY PACKING COMPANY LLC | FULL PERMIT | NEW WELL NO. 6 |
| BOULDER CREEK TRAILER PARK | FULL PERMIT | NO PREVIOUS PERMIT ISSUED |
| CARNEROS WAREHOUSING | FULL PERMIT | ISSUED REVISED PERMIT |
| BANNING, CITY OF | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | MEADOWLINE INTERCONNECT |
| MEADOW LAKE APARTMENTS | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP |
| PASADENA WATER AND POWER | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | GAC PERMIT AMENDMENT |
| CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE UTILITIES DIVISION | FULL PERMIT | 2023 PERMIT UPDATE TO ADD INTERCONNECTIONS |
| CAMDEN TRAILER PARK | FULL PERMIT | 2023 PERMIT UPDATE |
| YOSEMITE NPS - BRIDALVEIL FALL | FULL PERMIT | NEW PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM |

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations for a water system include whether the system has failed to follow established monitoring and reporting schedules, failed to comply with mandated treatment techniques, violated any Maximum Contaminant Levels, or failed to communicate 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 includes issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented between October 16 and November 20, 2023.

| Public Water System | Violation | Contaminant or Rule |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| ADA'S LODGES | Monitoring | LCR |
| ALPAUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT | Other | VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION |

| | | |
|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| BEN LOMOND CONSERVATION CAMP | Reporting | CCR |
| BENITO VALLEY FARMS | Reporting | CCR |
| BENITO VALLEY FARMS | Monitoring | LCR |
| BRACKEN BRAE COUNTRY CLUB | Reporting | CCR |
| BRACKEN BRAE COUNTRY CLUB | Reporting | FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT |
| BRAVO FARMS TRAVER | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| BUCHER WATER COMPANY | Monitoring | LCR |
| CAPITAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN CAMP | Monitoring | RTCR |
| CIOTTI CELLARS | Monitoring | RTCR |
| CITY OF STOCKTON | Monitoring | LCR |
| CLARK STREET COMMUNITY WELL | Monitoring | LCR |
| COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT COMMISSION | Monitoring | RTCR |
| CSP-PFEIFFER BIG SUR | Reporting | CCR |
| EAST ACRES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | MCL | MANGANESE |
| EAST ACRES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | Monitoring | LCR |
| EASTSIDE WATER ASSOCIATION | Monitoring | RTCR |
| ELSINORE HILLS RV PARK | Reporting | FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT |
| EVERYBODY'S INN | Monitoring | RTCR |
| FOUR STAR FRUIT | Monitoring | 1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE |
| GRACE KOREAN CHURCH | Reporting | FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT |
| HALFWAY HOUSE CAFE | Monitoring | COLIFORM |
| HARTLAND WATER COMPANY | Other | VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION |
| HIDDEN MEADOW MUTUAL WATER CO | Monitoring | RTCR |
| HUNGRY VALLEY STATE VEHICULAR REC AREA | Monitoring | TTHM |
| HUNGRY VALLEY STATE VEHICULAR REC AREA | Monitoring | HAA5 |
| JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | IRON |
| JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | LCR |
| JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | TURBIDITY |

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|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| KIT CARSON LODGE | Other | BACKFLOW & X-CONNECTION VIOLATION |
| KYBURZ MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | Treatment Technique | TURBIDITY |
| L'AZIENDA D'AGOSTINI | Other | OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS PERMIT |
| LARSEN RANCH 39-40/WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | LCR |
| LEMOORE, CITY OF | Reporting | CCR |
| MAMMOTH POOL MOBILE HOME PARK | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| MILLARD CANYON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION | Monitoring | COLIFORM |
| NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP. | Monitoring | HAA5 |
| NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP. | Monitoring | TTHM |
| OCCIDENTAL ARTS & ECOLOGY CENTER | Monitoring | LCR |
| PETERS FRUIT FARMS, INC | Other | VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION |
| PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | Monitoring | LCR |
| RANCHO SESPE WORKERS IMP ASSOC | Monitoring | RTCR |
| RIVER GROVE MUTUAL WATER ASSN | Monitoring | TTHM |
| SAN LUCAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT | Reporting | TTHM |
| SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY | Monitoring | RTCR |
| SHADY OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK LLC | Monitoring | LCR |
| SPENCER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT | Monitoring | LCR |
| SPRINGVILLE PUD | Other | VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION |
| ST FRANCIS TRACT WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | RTCR |
| STERLING MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | Monitoring | LCR |
| SUTTER PINES MHP | Other | VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION |
| SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF SACRAMENTO, INC. | Monitoring | LCR |
| TEMESCAL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT | Monitoring | LCR |
| THOMAS MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY | Treatment Technique | RTCR |

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|--|------------|-------------------------------|
| TWO TWENTY-FOUR MOBILE HOME PK | Monitoring | COMBINED URANIUM |
| TWO TWENTY-FOUR MOBILE HOME PK | Monitoring | GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY |
| VENTURA COASTAL, LLC - TIPTON DIVISION | Reporting | CCR |
| VENTURA COASTAL, LLC - VISALIA DIVISION | Reporting | CCR |
| VICTORY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | Other | 1,2,3 TCP |
| WEST KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES | MCL | NITRATE |
| WILLOW GROVE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | Reporting | CCR |
| Total | 62 | |

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

Accreditation Activities

| ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | October 16 – November 15 | January 1 – November 15, 2023 |
| New Accreditations | 1 | 11 |
| Renewed Accreditations | 29 | 227 |
| Reciprocity Accreditations | 1 | 79 |
| Amended Accreditations | 17 | 162 |
| Total | 48 | 479 |

Whole Effluent Toxicity Assessor Training

Many ELAP staff participated in a three-day in-person training course to develop their knowledge of Whole Effluent Testing (WET) methods and improve assessments of these technologies. The training covered the quality control requirements, method differences, and statistical analysis used in WET along with practice exercises to demonstrate document review strategies. Also in attendance at this Water Board sponsored training were assessors from Oregon, Utah, and our approved third-party assessment (TPA) providers. This training is the only of its kind in the nation.

DDW & DWQ PFAS Strategy Team

ELAP continues to regularly participate in the multi-divisional strategy team for regulation of PFAS. ELAP offers two US EPA methods for analysis of PFAS in drinking water, EPA 537.1 and EPA 533, and continues to offer accreditation to the DoD Quality Systems Manual version 5.1 (or newer). Based on a request from the Division of Water Quality, ELAP now offers EPA 1633 and draft method EPA 1621 for non-potable water analysis. While EPA 1633 is like the method offered previously, EPA 1621 uses new and alternative instrumentation to look for total organo-fluorine, adding a new tool to supplement PFAS investigations.

Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation

ELAP continues to support laboratories in transitioning to new regulatory requirements through a compliance assistance initiative, the Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation, including one-on-one Transition Appointments with individual laboratories to answer questions and help them create a plan. Laboratories may request an appointment by emailing ELAP's general email inbox. The compliance date for the TNI Standard requirements is January 1, 2024, which represents the last of the new requirements associated with the new ELAP regulations.

Data Support Unit

On November 2, 2023, DDW hosted an Electronic Annual Report Input Forum to provide opportunity for stakeholders to learn and provide feedback on the proposed changes to the electronic Annual Report (eAR) for the 2023 reporting year. The webinar focused on changes to the 2023 reporting year eAR, updates on the technical reporting order, a future roadmap, and summary of feedback from the first eAR Input Forum.

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for November 2023 (on 11/15/2023)

| Summary Results | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|---|
| Failing Systems | 389 | Removed Failing Systems | 1 |

Water Systems Removed from the Failing List in November 2023

| PWS ID | System Name | Last Status Change | County | Population |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| 3610055 | YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT | 10/19/2023 | SAN BERNARDINO | 51,900 |

Water Systems Added to the Failing List in November 2023

| PWS ID | System Name | Last Status Change | County | Population |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|
| 1500252 | KERN VALLEY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | 11/01/2023 | KERN | 130 |

Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidations were completed during November 2023.

| Name | Type | Pop. | Conn. | Notes |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|---|
| ELMS MOBILE PARK | C | 100 | 47 | Consolidated with Indio Water Authority through Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding |
| MACLIN MARKETS | NC | 1,008 | 11 | Self-funded voluntary consolidation |

Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level Status

The proposed hexavalent chromium maximum contaminant level notice of proposed rulemaking was published June 16, 2023. An Administrative Procedure Act public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed regulation was held Wednesday, August 2, 2023, with written comments due at noon on Friday, August 4, 2023. As a result of the public comments, the proposed regulations were changed and need another 15-day notice. That notice of proposed changes was released on November 22, 2023 and comments are due by noon on December 15, 2023.

Direct potable reuse proposed regulations

DDW reviewed written and oral comments received during the additional 15-day public comment period which ended November 6, 2023. None of the comments were directed specifically at the changes made to the proposed regulation text provided during the 15-day comment period. Staff has fully considered the comments submitted and determined that no additional changes to the regulations are necessary. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), all comments received during the comment periods will be addressed in subsequent rulemaking documents and will be made available to the public. Staff is preparing a board item for the December 19, 2023 for adoption of the DPR regulations to meet the deadline established by the legislature in [AB 574 \(Water Code, Division 7, Chapter 7.3\)](#) and commitment by the State Water Board in the governor's 2022 [California's Water Supply Strategy](#).

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Update on Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) Fees Stakeholder Process

The FY 2023-24 Water Rights fee schedule changes were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Public Notices:

Operator Certification Enforcement Settlement

The State Water Board's Office of Enforcement has reached a settlement agreement with certified drinking water operator, Benjamin B. Magana, Jr. related to several alleged violations of the Health and Safety Code. The settlement agreement includes a proposed administrative civil liability of \$8,275, a suspension of the operator's water distribution certificate for 12 months, and a requirement that the operator complete an appropriate ethics course. The proposed settlement agreement is [posted](#) for public comment, which is open through December 18, 2023.

Associated Consulting Civil & Environmental Services, Inc. et. al. Settlement

A settlement has been reached between the State Water Board Prosecution Team, on behalf of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund, and Associated Consulting Civil & Environmental Services, Inc. and Mr. Hamid Assadi. The settlement agreement and stipulation for entry of administrative civil liability order includes the imposition of an administrative civil liability in the amount of \$150,000 and a disqualification from participating in any State Water Board financial programs as a result of misrepresentations made to the Cleanup Fund discovered by the Office of Enforcement's Fraud Prevention Unit related to reimbursements. The proposed order is [posted](#) for public comment, which is open through December 18, 2023.

Press Releases:

None

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued:

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|-----------------------|--|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Loleta CSD/ Loleta | 142 exceedances of effluent limits subject to MMP (\$426,000), and 7 late reporting violations subject to MMP (\$129,000). | \$555,000 | 10/25/2023 |

ACL Orders Issued:

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|--|--|--|-------------|
| 2 | Lehigh Southwest Cement Company, Permanente Facility/ Cupertino | Unauthorized discharge of 15.55 million gallons of potable water to Permanente Creek | \$600,310 (\$300,310 to Cleanup and Abatement Account & \$300,000 to Supplement Environmental Project (SEP)) | 10/02/2023 |
| 3 | San Juan Bautista City/ San Juan Bautista | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 exceedances of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for chloride • 2 exceedances of the single sample effluent limit for total coliform • Exceedance of the 20% for 30 days effluent limit for total coliform • Exceedance of the AMEL for total suspended solids (TSS) • Exceedance of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for ammonia | \$36,000 (MMP – all to CAA) | 10/31/2023 |
| 3 | E&A Farming/ Los Alamos | Failure to submit 2021 Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA) report | \$48,186 (all to CAA) | 10/30/2023 |

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 3 | Boavista Farms/ Santa Maria | Failure to submit three 2021 TNA Reports for three ranches | \$144,605 (all to CAA) | 10/26/2023 |
| 4 | Las Virgenes MWD/ Calabasas | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate • 4 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for cyanide | \$33,000 (MMP – all to CAA) | 10/04/2023 |
| 8 | Corona City DWP/ Corona | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the MDEL for heptachlor epoxide • Exceedance of the AMEL for heptachlor epoxide • Exceedance of the MDEL for heptachlor • Exceedance of the AMEL for heptachlor • Exceedance of the MDEL for cyanide • Exceedance of the AMEL for cyanide • 5 exceedances of the MDEL for 4,4'-DDT • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for 4,4'-DDT • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for dieldrin • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for dieldrin • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate • 7 exceedances of the 10 NTU for 1 minute effluent limit for turbidity • 11 exceedances of the 5 NTU for 72 minutes effluent limit for turbidity • 14 exceedances of the daily average effluent limit for turbidity • 2 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform | \$177,000 (MMP – all to CAA) | 8/14/2023 |

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 9 | Encina Wastewater Authority/ Carlsbad | MMP for exceedance of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD). | \$3,000 (MMP – all to SEP) | 10/12/2023 |

13260 Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|--|--|-------------|
| 3 | The Pictsweet Company/ Santa Maria | The Pictsweet Company — Santa Maria facility is currently permitted by Order R3-2003-002 individual waste discharge requirements. Staff determined the discharges from the Santa Maria Wastewater System would be more appropriately regulated under <i>Order R3-2004-0066, Waste Discharge Requirements for Fruit and Vegetable Processing Waste</i> which provides regulatory coverage for wastewater discharge to land from fruit and vegetable processing. Requires the submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI). | 10/19/2023 |
| 5S | Thunderbolt Wood Treating Company, Inc./ Riverbank | Request for a new report of waste discharge (ROWD) and review of the freeboard control report for the discharge of wastewater from the production of pressure treated wood at the Thunderbolt Wood Treating Company Inc. facility in Stanislaus County. | 10/9/2023 |
| 8 | Arthur Chan/ Hemet | Failure to submit an electronic NOI for coverage under Order R8-2023-0006, <i>General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Lands in the San Jacinto River Watershed</i> for operations located on Batz Road and Palm Avenue in Hemet. | 10/5/2023 |
| 8 | Greenworld Inc./ Winchester | Failure to submit an electronic NOI for coverage under Order R8-2023-0006, <i>General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Lands in the San Jacinto River Watershed</i> for operations located at Simpson Road and Patterson Avenue. | 10/5/2023 |

Investigative Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|---|---|-------------|
| 4 | GF Asset LLC and Trane Technologies Company, LLC/ Vernon | 13267 Order No. R4-2023-0330 requiring the submittal of work plans and a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire for the site located at 2315 S. Santa Fe Avenue in Vernon. | 10/18/2023 |
| 4 | The Beaumont Company/ Canoga Park | 13267 Order No. R4-2023-0045 requiring the submittal of a technical report for a soil vapor investigation at the Site, and to complete and submit a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire for the site located at 8030-8040 Deering Ave in Canoga Park. | 10/18/2023 |
| 4 | Design Collection, Inc. and Trane Technologies Company, LLC/ Vernon | 13267 Order No. R4-2023-0354 requiring the submittal of work plans and a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire for the site located at 2209-2211 S. Santa Fe Avenue in Vernon. | 10/19/2023 |
| 5S | Geneva Kano Revocable Living Trust/ Olivehurst | Order R5-2023-0812 requires the collection of a representative groundwater sample from any domestic water supply well located on the subject properties, the submittal of all collected samples to an analytical laboratory for analysis of volatile organic compounds by EPA Method 8260, and the submittal of a report documenting the collection and analysis results of the groundwater samples for the sites located at 5017 Olivehurst Avenue and 5013 Olivehurst Avenue Apartment B. | 10/19/2023 |

Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10(c) Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|---|--|-------------|
| 4 | BH Luxury Residences LLC/ Beverly Hills | Requires a work plan for a site investigation for the former 76 Service Station located at 9988 Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills. | 10/3/2023 |
| 4 | G & M Oil Company, Inc., and United Pacific/ Long Beach | Requirement for Site Cleanup and a Conceptual Site Model for the Smith Service Station located at 6580 Paramount Blvd., Long Beach. | 10/23/2023 |
| 5F | Gilbert M. Torres/ Dinuba | Directive to resume Groundwater Monitoring and submit a Work Plan to Conduct Site Assessment to previous primary responsible party and UST Cleanup Fund Claimant. Previous Directive was to current property owners for the D&N Market located at 39710 Road 56 in Dinuba. | 10/5/2023 |

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|----|--|---|-----------|
| 5S | Ethan Conrad Properties, Inc. and Sears Holdings Management Corporation/ Citrus Heights | Requires the submittal of a Site investigation work plan and a report documenting the results of the investigation, including an evaluation of the Site data, risks to human health and to the environment, and whether additional investigation or remedial action is necessary for the Sears Auto Center #6799 located at 5900 Sunrise Mall Road in Citrus Heights. | 10/4/2023 |
| 5S | Francis and Carol A. Gamble Trust, Jack D. Morehouse, and Mary M. Emrich/ Merced | Requires the submittal of a well destruction report for the Leonard Truck Repair located at 625 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Merced. | 10/4/2023 |

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | Dobrev Capital LLC Property/ Blocksburg | Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R1-2023-0054 for Failure to enroll in Cannabis General Order; alteration of Class II watercourse; earthen material deposited in Class II watercourse; and discharges of sediment to watercourse from graded areas; alteration of Class III watercourses; graded pads (3) lack erosion and sediment control measures; and drain ditches of graded flats lack sediment control measures and discharge to Class II watercourse. | 10/16/2023 |
| 2 | James N. Hardwick, Max Goodwin, and Sally Goodwin/ Fremont | CAO R2-2023-0016 with site cleanup requirements for tetrachloroethylene (PCE) that has been detected in soil, soil vapor, and groundwater indicating a release from the former dry-cleaning operations for the former Cabrillo Dry Cleaners located at suite 6 at 4673 Thornton Avenue in Fremont. Requires further investigation and a remedial action plan. | 10/2/2023 |
| 5S | Madison Retail Associates, LLC, Vonnex Madison LLC, and Bernard Kotansky/ Sacramento | Order R5-2023-0701 requires the cleanup and abatement of chemicals commonly used in dry cleaning operations that have and continue to pollute soil gas beneath the former Fabricare Cleaners located at 5800 Madison Avenue in Sacramento. | 10/31/2023 |

Other Enforcement Actions Taken:

| Region/Division | Actions Issued | Region/Division | Actions Issued |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 5 | 5S | 11 |
| 2 | 3 | 6T | 1 |
| 3 | 12 | 6V | 0 |
| 4 | 49 | 7 | 0 |
| 5F | 17 | 8 | 124 |
| 5R | 6 | 9 | 11 |

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

California Water Quality Monitoring Council

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Council) will meet on December 14, 2023, at the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project headquarters in Costa Mesa. The Council will here from leading experts on the topic of microplastics monitoring as well as an updated from the Safe to Eat Workgroup. For more information, please see:

http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/index.html#2023.

To receive updates by email regarding activities of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. Subscribe online to the "[California Water Quality Monitoring Council \(SB 1070\)](#)" email list located under the "General Interest" section.

SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment

San Diego Region Realignment (2021-2023)

By the end of 2023 the San Diego Region Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from Tribal Governments and community-based organizations, will have held seven advisory committee meetings and informed the development of the following products:

- [Monitoring and Analysis Workplan](#) (developed in 2021 to inform monitoring conducted in 2022)
- [Communication and Outreach Plan](#) (2023)
- Data Report and accompanying data packages and visualizations summarizing 2022 Monitoring Results (to be completed in December 2023)

The final meeting will be held on December 11th at the [Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center](#) and is being hosted by the San Diego Regional Water Board in partnership with the [SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program](#).

San Francisco Region Realignment (2024-2026)

In 2024, the three-year Realignment Process will begin in the San Francisco Region, and will complement other efforts such as regional monitoring plans, fish consumption advisory development, and the Region's [tribal beneficial use designation process](#). In early 2024, the Realignment Team will send out letters and emails inviting tribes and CBOs interested in bioaccumulation, fish advisory development, and statewide or regional bioaccumulation monitoring efforts to attend a series of Advisory Workshops. For more information, visit the [Program Realignment Webpage](#).

The State Water Resources Control Board and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards released the fifteenth web-based "Annual Performance Report" -- a report intended to assess the Water Boards' efforts during the 2022-23 fiscal year to protect and manage California's water resources. We continue to work with programs to update

performance measures and targets to ensure their relevance as priorities and conditions change.

For fiscal year 2022/23, more dashboards have been connected directly to data to improve efficiency and reduce error. Location maps are being added to dashboards where geospatial data are available, and other ways of displaying data and trends are being explored. The Fees dashboard has been brought up to date after several years of database issues, projects funded by Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) can be located on a map and filtered in several ways, including by disadvantaged communities, and Non-Point Source projects showing success in a watershed are available, among other improvements.

The Annual Performance Report not only allows the State and Regional Water Boards to track and monitor the work being done to address water quality concerns, it allows the Water Boards to track the impact of this work on the water resources. Managers of Water Board programs can use the report to more effectively assign limited resources. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_2223/

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

Urban retail water suppliers are required to provide the Board monthly water conservation and production reports. In June 2023, the DRINC Portal, which was the repository for monthly conservation reporting, was shut down and reporting requirements are now satisfied by completing SAFER Clearinghouse reporting. Staff are working to reconcile reported volumes in the prior DRINC dataset with reported volumes in the SAFER Clearinghouse. Due to some discrepancies between numbers reported during the same month in both platforms, staff are currently undertaking some data cleanup prior the final dataset release.

For the month of October 2023, we received 319 reports from the [Save Water](#) site.

SGMA Program

The SGMA program issued a Notice of Opportunity to Provide Feedback, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for The Proposed Designation of Tulare Lake Subbasin as a Probationary Basin on October 12, 2022. The State Water Board will not make a decision about a probationary designation for the Tulare Lake Subbasin until the public hearing on April 16, 2024; however, State Water Board staff have developed a draft recommendation for the State Water Board to consider, which describes the actions staff recommends the State Water Board should take. Public comments on the draft staff report will be accepted until December 11, 2023, at 12:00 noon. Staff will consider all comments received by the December 11, 2023, at noon deadline when developing the final staff report.

Staff held two public staff workshops to explain the draft staff report and share more about how to participate in the State Water Board's state intervention process. Staff

accepted verbal public comments at the workshops, which were held on November 3, 2023 (virtual) and November 8, 2023 (in person at the Hanford Civic Auditorium). Over 220 people attended the virtual workshop and 169 people attended the in-person workshop. Participants gave 25 comments between the two workshops. Staff provided simultaneous interpretation services in Spanish for both workshops.

The Hearing Notice, Draft Staff Report, and other materials are available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/sgma/groundwater_basins/tulare_lake_subbasin.html.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of November 14, 2023)

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 |
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| A-2841(a) | Petition of The City of Santa Maria for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order, No. R3-2023-0070 For the 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 | 10/24/23 | 01/22/2024 |
| A-2841(b) | Petition of Santa Maria Public Airport District for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order, No. R3-2023-0070 For the 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 | 10/25/2023 | 01/23/2024 |

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| A-2841(c) | Petition of County of Santa Barbara for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order, No. R3-2023-0070 For the 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 | 10/26/2023 | 01/24/2024 |
| A-2843 | Petition of Ecological Rights Foundation and Humboldt Waterkeeper for Review of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2023-0016 For the City of Eureka, Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Humboldt County; Issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board | 11/02/2023 | 01/31/2024 |
| A-2844 | Petition of Timothy W. Starkweather, Jacqueline Starkweather, and Jacqueline Starkweather Living Trust for Review of Water Code Section 13267 Order For 100 Circle E Ranch Place & Adjacent Parcels, Contra Costa County; Issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board | 11/06/2023 | 02/02/2024 |

OFFICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Submits on a Quarterly Basis

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

November 2023

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of October 2023. This update also covers the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board) compliance and outreach activities from August 16 to October 31, 2023. Next month's report will present activities from 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 to November 30, 2023.

State Water Board staff hosted the quarterly program roundtable meeting on October 19, 2023. Topics of discussion included the GeoTracker database, the effort to analyze nitrogen applied (A) and nitrogen removed (R) data, and steps towards convening an expert panel to evaluate the program's direction. California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) contractor Crowe, LLP gave an update on the regulatory streamlining project. Crowe, LLP will be releasing a report with recommendations for streamlining in 2025. There were updates from state and regional program staff, CDFA's Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Central Valley Water Board staff provides regular bimonthly updates on compliance and outreach accomplishments and other key activities. The following table provides summary information on Region 5's Irrigated Lands compliance and outreach activities. More information can be found in the Central Valley Water Board's [Executive Officer's Reports website](#). The start date for the first 4 items of the table is August 16, 2023. The end date for all items is October 31, 2023.

On-Farm Inspections are inspections performed at coalition-enrolled farms to discuss water quality-related issues with growers. These inspections include staff review of the farm evaluations, irrigation and nitrogen management plans and sediment and erosion control plans. Board staff inspects the site conditions, including potential discharge points to surface waters, pollution management practices, chemical storage and handling areas, and wellhead protection practices.

Reminder letters (INMPSR) are informal outreach letters reminding growers to submit late Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMSR) are sent to members who did not respond to the reminder letter for submitting their annual Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Water Code Section 13260 Dropped Member Directives are sent to members dropped from the Coalitions' participant lists and may include members with unpaid dues. The directive requires the recipients to re-enroll with a third-party group within 15 days of receipt of the letter.

Water Code Section 13260 Directives are Directives sent to owners of parcels who do not respond to the initial outreach package requesting they enroll in the ILRP or

claim an exemption. The directive requires the recipients to enroll with a third-party group within 15 days of receipt of the letter.

Notices of Violation (NOV) for failure to respond to Directive are NOVs sent to owners of parcels who did not respond to the Directive, informing them that they are in violation of the Directive and failure to respond may result in an Administrative Civil Liability Order.

Reminder to Sample Postcards are postcards sent to members of the San Joaquin & Delta Water Quality Coalition reminding them to sample their domestic well for nitrate.

Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled is the number of drinking water wells that were sampled.

Drinking Water Well Samples is the number of drinking water well samples collected and reported in GeoTracker.

Notifications Required is the number of members required to notify users and Central Valley Water Board that their drinking water well samples exceeded the drinking water standard.

Notifications Received is the number of notification responses received from members whose drinking water well sample results exceeded the nitrate drinking water standard.

Indicated Only Member or Family User is the number of wells with samples exceeding the nitrate drinking water standard where the grower or grower's immediate family is the only user(s) of the well, precluding the grower from indicating if replacement water was provided.

Indicated Replacement Water Provided is the number of notification responses received indicating replacement water is provided. Note that growers are not required to indicate if replacement water is provided; therefore, this may not accurately reflect the number of people receiving replacement water.

Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water is the number of wells potentially needing replacement water for users beyond immediate family members. This was calculated by subtracting the combination of "Indicated Only Member or Family User" and "Indicated Replacement Water Provided" from the total number of "Notifications Required".

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| On-Farm Inspection | 4 |
| Reminder Letter for Late Report (INMPSR) | 167 |
| Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMSR) | 566 |
| Water Code Section 13260 Dropped Member Directives | 102 |
| Water Code Section 13260 Directives | 36 |

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| NOV for failure to respond to Directive | 24 |
| Reminder to Sample Postcards | 1803 |
| Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled | 13,151 |
| Drinking Water Well Samples | 20,440 |
| Notifications Required | 4,166 |
| Notifications Received | 4,127 |
| Indicated Only Member or Family User | 1,818 |
| Indicated Replacement Water Provided | 1,104 |
| Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water | 1,244 |

Additional program information can be found at the [Central Valley Regional Board ILRP website](#).