

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0021**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OR  
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO  
ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, FOR  
COMPUTER-BASED EXAMINATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER AND DRINKING  
WATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) mission is to 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 resources allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.
2. Chapter 9 of division 7 of the Water Code designates the State Water Board as responsible for the administration of the Wastewater Operator Certification Program, which certifies wastewater treatment plant operators.
3. Article 3 of chapter 4 of part 1 of division 104 of the Health and Safety Code designates the State Water Board as responsible for the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program, which certifies water treatment and water distribution operators.
4. Examination and certification of wastewater treatment plant, water treatment, and water distribution operators is necessary to ensure the essential functions of safe and effective operation of wastewater treatment plants, water treatment plants, and water distribution systems can continue, thereby protecting public health, safety, and the environment.
5. Beginning in 2021, the examinations for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Operator Certification Programs have been computer-based.
6. Computer-based testing services increase the availability of testing opportunities, thereby ensuring that there are sufficient certified operators to safely run wastewater treatment plants, water treatment plants, and water distribution systems.
7. The State Water Board's current contract for administering computer-based operator certification examinations for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Operator Certification Programs expires on June 30, 2027.

8. The cost of the State Water Board's contracts for administering computer-based operator certification examinations for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Operator Certification Programs are expected to exceed the authority delegated in [Resolution No. 2025-0003](#).
9. The Division of Administrative Services ensures that the State Water Board conducts its contracting activities in compliance with State's contracting laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director, the Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to enter into contracts, and any amendments thereto, for the administration of computer-based operator certification testing for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Operator Certification Programs.
2. Except as otherwise specifically provided by the State Water Board, the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, shall be the duly authorized representative of the State Water Board for the purpose of making a final determination of any dispute arising under or relating to the performance of any contracts to which the State Water Board is a party.
3. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until modified or revoked by the State Water Board.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 16, 2026.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel  
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo  
Board Member Sean Maguire  
Board Member Laurel Firestone  
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
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Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board