

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0023**

**ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE DRINKING WATER OPERATOR
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FEES IN CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 22, DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 13 (COMMENCING WITH SECTION 63850)**

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is responsible for the administration of the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program (DWOCP) under chapter 4 of division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.
2. The State Water Board adopted California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4, chapter 13 (commencing with section 63750) to implement chapter 4, article 3 of the Health and Safety Code (DWOCP Regulations).
3. Subdivision (d) of Health and Safety Code section 106890 requires the State Water Board to review its fees each fiscal year to ensure that the fees collected provide sufficient revenue to recover the costs of the DWOCP and to compensate for past over-collection or under-collection of revenue.
4. Subdivision (d) of Health and Safety Code section 106890 also authorizes the State Water Board to adopt amendments to the DWOCP fees through the emergency rulemaking process and the emergency regulation will remain in effect until it is revised by the State Water Board.
5. The State Water Board finds it appropriate to amend the DWOCP fees in section 63850 of the DWOCP Regulations to increase the fees to ensure the collection of adequate revenue and ensure a prudent fund reserve.
6. The DWOCP Operator Certification Advisory Committee met on May 13, 2026, to review and make recommendations on the proposed regulatory action in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 106898.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts amendments to California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4, chapter 13, section 63850 (Attachment A) as emergency regulations;
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to transmit the emergency regulations to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval and filing with the Secretary of State; and
3. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to make any non-substantive revisions to the emergency regulations to address any concerns of the OAL.

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 July 7, 2026.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Board Member Jared Blumenfeld



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board