

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER
NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT REVIEW PANEL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

An independent Expert Review Panel was assembled to perform a complete program evaluation of the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP), which was transferred from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Boards) and made part of the Division of Drinking Water in July 2014. ELAP certifies laboratories that perform analyses on any combination of environmental samples or raw or processed agricultural products for regulatory purposes. The Expert Review Panel released the [final report](#) of its findings and recommendations on October 22, 2015.

This item will summarize the report findings and present recommended reforms, program actions taken, and stakeholder concerns.

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.