



# **State Water Resources Control Board**



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

### **CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY**

#### **Water Rights Modernization (*Action 4.3*)**

##### **Updating Water Rights Data for California (UPWARD)**

The Division of Water Rights released an early version of its new water rights data system, CalWATRS (California Water Accounting Tracking, and Reporting System), on July 14, 2025. CalWATRS is a key component of the UPWARD project. The early launch is an opportunity for a limited number of water users and members of the public to explore and provide feedback on CalWATRS before it officially launches in October 2025. Modifications to CalWATRS will continue during the early release phase, so some features or content may change over time. Information is available at [waterboards.ca.gov/upward/calwatrs](https://waterboards.ca.gov/upward/calwatrs).

##### **Telemetry Pilot Project**

In July, the Division of Water Rights released a report summarizing research completed in advance of the Division's Russian River Telemetry Study ([waterboards.ca.gov/telemetry/russian-river-study.html](https://waterboards.ca.gov/telemetry/russian-river-study.html)). Highlights of the report include an assessment of current telemetry data formats and content in SB88 measurement files, external perspectives on water measurement technology from a technical group, and interviews of equipment manufacturers who provide the measurement technologies to reporters. Information is available at [waterboards.ca.gov/telemetry/technical-reports.html](https://waterboards.ca.gov/telemetry/technical-reports.html).

The first volunteer sites for the Russian River Telemetry Study have been selected. The volunteer (Sonoma County Parks) signed the access agreements on July 11 for 3 storage sites with water rights. Division staff and project contractor will visit the sites in late July to plan station installation.

##### **Supply & Demand Assessment**

The Division of Water Rights continues to develop water supply models, water demand datasets, and water allocation tools for selected watersheds across California. Staff are actively engaging with agencies, partners, water users, and other interested parties to share information on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program and the models and tools that are under development.

Staff have published new interactive surface water demand visualization dashboards for several of the Supply & Demand Assessment watersheds. These dashboards provide insights into reported surface water demands and are part of the ongoing effort to improve data transparency and support informed water management decisions. New dashboards are now available for the following watersheds: Butte Creek, Gualala River, Mattole River, Napa River, Navarro River, Putah Creek, Russian River, Salmon Creek (Sonoma County), and Tomales-Drakes Bay. The dashboards are available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda).

In the past month, staff met with the Russian River Water Sharing Program (July 7, 2025) regarding the Russian River watershed and the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District and Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District (July 2, 2025) regarding coastal San Mateo County watersheds, including the Pescadero Creek watershed and the San Gregorio Creek watershed.

### **Groundwater Recharge (*Action 2.1*)**

The Division of Water Rights has one pending recharge temporary permit application filed by Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District for diversion from a tributary to the Feather River. The five-year temporary permit application was filed on June 25, 2025. Public notice occurred on July 10, 2025, with an objections deadline of August 9, 2025.

### **Permitting, Enforcement, and Petitions Branch**

**Water Right Petitions and Licensing:** Between April 1 and June 30, 2025, the Division of Water Rights completed one minor change request, 14 petitions, and one license. See the table below for details.

<b>Primary Owner</b>	<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Petition Type</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
DIAMOND R RANCH, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION	A033309	Minor Change Request	04/22/2025	Approved the reduction in maximum diversion amount and place of use.
SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT	A030337	Extension of Time	05/30/2025	Approved a 15-year extension of time to December 31, 2037.
SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT	A031741	Extension of Time	05/30/2025	Approved a 10-year extension of time to December 31, 2029.
CITY OF SANTA CRUZ	A004017, A005215, A017913, A022318, A023710	Change (5) and Extension of Time (2)	06/06/2025	See brief description below.
MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT	A001224	Temporary Transfer	06/26/2025	Approved the temporary transfer for the reservoir release of 25,000 AF of surface water for use on lands within Merced and Madera counties.
SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	A012919A, A015736, A015737, A019351	Temporary Urgency Change	06/27/2025	Approved the temporary urgency change to ensure the water supply conditions

				and corresponding minimum instream flow requirements in the Russian River watershed are aligned with the actual watershed hydrologic conditions.
THOMAS GREGORY AND STEPHENIE GREGORY	A031857	License	06/27/2025	Approved water right License 13885 for the storage of 20.9 AF.

On June 6, 2025, the Executive Director approved change petitions and time extension for the City of Santa Cruz's (City) water right permits 16123 and 16601 (Applications 22318 and 23710) and licenses 1553, 7200, and 9847 (Applications 4017, 5215, and 17913). The petitions requested changes in points of diversion, method of diversion, purposes of use, and places of use to improve the reliability and operational flexibility of the City's water supply system, while providing a time extension to December 31, 2043 for completing development of their permitted rights. The approved changes also incorporate new flow requirements, negotiated in 2007 with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Service, for the protection of fish and wildlife in the San Lorenzo Watershed.

### **Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch**

**Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan:** On June 24, 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) submitted a Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan (TMP) to the State Water Board for approval pursuant to Board Order 90-5. The TMP describes how Reclamation will operate its facilities to meet temperature requirements for the preservation of salmon that spawn and live below Shasta Reservoir. The Board's Executive Director issued a conditional approval of the TMP on July 3, 2025. Additional information can be found at [waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/drought/sacramento\\_river/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/sacramento_river/).

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

**Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds:** The State Water Board's current emergency regulation for the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds is in effect through January 26, 2026.

- Shasta River Watershed Curtailments: On June 27, 2025, the State Water Board reinstated conditional curtailments for water right holders junior to November 1, 1912 ([Addendum 4 to Order WR 2024-006-DWR](#)). These water rights holders were directed to work with the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District and State Water

Board, as appropriate, and curtail, as necessary, in order of priority to ensure minimum flows are met and sustained at the [Yreka United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) gage](#).

- **Scott River Watershed Curtailments:** On July 20, 2025 the Division of Water Rights re-initiated curtailments on the Scott River, based on gauge readings below 50 cfs at the Fort Jones USGS gauge. However, concerns were raised by water users about the accuracy of the USGS gauge. The Scott Valley & Shasta Valley Watermaster District conducted additional field flows and provided the results to the USGS, who shifted the gauge's rating curve. After updating the rating curve, flows at Fort Jones were above 75 cfs. Staff lifted the curtailments in the Scott River watershed on the morning of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information on flows is available at the [Fort Jones USGS gage](#). Water users are encouraged to conserve and coordinate diversions to maintain flows above the minimum flow requirement. Staff will share future updates and curtailment announcements via the Board's [Scott River and Shasta River watersheds webpage](#) and "Scott-Shasta Drought & Flow Efforts" email list.

### **Water Quality Certification**

**Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project:** On June 27, 2025, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification for Santa Clara Valley Water District's Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (Project). The Project includes removal and reconstruction of Anderson Dam to meet current seismic safety requirements, surrender of the existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license exemption for the Anderson Dam Hydroelectric Project, and decommission of the hydroelectric facilities. The certification is available online at [waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/docs/2025/adsrp-final-wqc.pdf](https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/2025/adsrp-final-wqc.pdf)

**Kanaka Hydroelectric Project License Surrender:** On July 15, 2025, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification for STS Hydro LLC's (STS), Kanaka Hydroelectric Project License Surrender. The Project involves the decommissioning and abandonment-in-place of several hydroelectric project facilities on Sucker Run Creek, a tributary to Lake Oroville. The hydroelectric project is located on private land in Butte County and STS is pursuing the surrender of the hydroelectric project following the Ponderosa Fire, which rendered the hydroelectric project inoperable. The certification is available online at [waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/docs/2025/kanaka-wqc.pdf](https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/2025/kanaka-wqc.pdf)

## **DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

### **Workshop to Promote Urban Stormwater Capture and Use**

To support the stormwater capture goals identified in the Governor's Water Supply Strategy, the State Water Board intends to host a workshop in fall 2025. State Water Board staff will share updates on current Water Board projects related to stormwater capture and use. The State Water Board will invite participation from local municipalities and health departments, non-governmental organizations, researchers, and relevant state agencies. Together this workshop is intended to identify additional opportunities to promote stormwater capture and use, share potential streamlined funding pathways, and to maintain protections for human health. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide input.

Following the workshop, the State Water Board intends to convene targeted workgroups where needed to further develop ideas generated during the discussion. Topics for targeted workgroups to consider include, but may not be limited to, a workgroup focused on updating recommendations related to the use of stormwater for irrigating public lands, with an emphasis on protecting public health.

**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 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Environmental Review

#### Completed Significant Events

- Revised Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program Environmental Review Process was approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 Assistant Director on June 16, 2025.

#### Future Significant Events

- Revised Clean Water SRF Program Environmental Review Process was sent to the EPA, Region 9 Administrator on June 26, 2025. DFA is anticipating approval in the next two months.
- Environmental Section Staff, in coordination with the EPA, Region 9 Staff continuing consultations with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to complete programmatic agreements (PAs) for the SRF Programs. The PAs will expedite SRF project reviews for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Anticipated completion December 2025.

#### Environmental Reviews Completed

Below is a tally of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency and Responsible Agency environmental reviews completed by DFA Environmental Section Staff between January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 for both, funding and water supply permit projects.

<b>Types of CEQA Reviews</b>	<b>Division of Financial Assistance (Funding)</b>	<b>Division of Drinking Water (Water Supply Permit)</b>
Lead Agency	3	22
Responsible Agency	28	24



## 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 June 2025.

### Drinking Water

#### Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (June 2025)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA0610002 CA0600011	City of Colusa; Del Oro Water Co. - Walnut Ranch	0610002-001C	City of Colusa	The Project includes installation of a new well and will include treatment for arsenic as needed.	\$6,876,497.00	Failing Failing
CA3900579 CA3901213 CA3910012	Century MHP; Sunny Road Water System; City of Stockton	3910012-001C	City of Stockton	The project is to consolidate Century MHP, Sunny Road Water System, and the Jack Lo property with the City.	\$1,421,588.00	Failing Failing Not Assessed
CA5410009	Pixley PUD	5410009-009C2	Pixley Public Utilities District	The project is to construct and equip two groundwater wells, modifications to two wells, abandonment of a well, and installation of: water storage tanks, two hydropneumatics tanks, chlorination facilities, booster pumps, and pipeline.	\$104,797.83	Failing
CA0707553 CA0710008	Riverview MH; City of Pittsburg	EDWG- 0710008-001C	City of Pittsburg	The Project is for the benefit of the Bella Vista Water System (no PWSID) and the adjacent Riverview Mobile Home Park.	\$1,534,320.00	Not At-Risk Not At-Risk

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended  
(June 2025)**

<b>PWSID</b>	<b>PWS Benefiting</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>	<b>SAFER Status</b>
CA2800526	Berryessa Estates (LBRID)	2800526-006C	Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date from 12/31/2024 to 9/30/2025	At-Risk
CA3310001	Coachella VWD; Cove Community;	3310001-014C	Coachella Valley Water District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Construction Completion Date from 2/28/2025 to 12/31/2025	Failing
CA3301380	Saint Anthony Trailer Park;					Failing
CA3303048	Manuela Garcia Water;					Potentially At-Risk
CA3303111	Seferino Huerta					Potentially At-Risk
CA3910005 CA3901169	City of Manteca; MUSD-Nile Garden School	3910005-001C	City of Manteca	Funding Increase	Funding Increase of \$700,000	Failing Failing

**Wastewater**

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Executed  
(June 2025)**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
8171-210	Fall River Valley Community Services District	Wastewater collection in McArthur including site acquisitions for two new wastewater lift stations and connecting the Fall River High School, Fall River Community Day School and Soldier Mountain Continuation High School.	\$34,295,000.00

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended  
(June 2025)**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>
7659-110	County of Kern	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date from 2/28/2025 to 12/31/2025
7850-210	Calaveras County Water District	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 11/1/2024 to 12/31/2025
8309-110	Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding Increase of \$93,800 and Planning Completion Date of 3/31/2023 to 11/30/2027
8476-110	Allensworth Community Services District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 3/31/2025 to 1/30/2027
8477-110	Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date from 11/30/2025 to 5/31/2026
8587-110	Chester Public Utility District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 3/31/2025 to 12/31/2026

**Administrator Summary**

The table below summarizes the Administrator master agreement amendments approved in the month of June 2025.

**Administrator Master Agreements Amended  
(June 2025)**

<b>PWSID</b>	<b>PWS Benefiting</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>	<b>SAFER Status</b>
CA1400036 CA5200657 CA5400964 CA1500344 CA1500096 CA1000054 CA3600086	Keeler CSD, NorCal Water Works, Sierra Vista Assn., South Kern MWC, Old River MWC, Las Deltas MWS, Daggett CSD	D2018204	Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc.	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 04/30/2026 to 02/28/2030	Failing

### Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary

No new O&M projects supporting Administrator services were approved in June 2025. One amendment to an existing O&M funding agreement was approved in the month of June 2025.

#### Operation and Maintenance Agreements Amended (June 2025)

PWSID	SAFER Status	Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category
CA1000054	Failing	Las Deltas Mutual Water Company	Assist the administrator in funding the O&M costs associated with Las Deltas Mutual Water Company	\$340,370 (\$214,627 increase)	SADW	O&M Assistance

### Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

#### TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 346 Drinking Water Systems (193 Failing and 44 At-Risk systems and to 66 Wastewater Systems). 48% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans approved in the month of June 2025.

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	7164-B	Perry Colony	N/A	Water sampling, sell sounding, outreach gauging support for consolidation	SHE	DW	\$170,313 (\$83,424 Increase)	No PWSID	No PWSID
New Work Plan	7257-A	Helm School	CA1000186	Full planning for manganese violation. Includes federal crosscutters since this is anticipated to receive Emerging Contaminants Funding	SHE	DW	\$583,329 (New Work Plan)	Failing	N/A (secondary MCL violation; Manganese)

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6005-F	Spring Mountain MWC	CA1500566	Full planning and TMF assistance	SHE	DW	\$712,439 (\$270,239 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	5476-F	Hope Elementary School	CA5400994	Full planning	SHE	DW	\$479,277 (\$45,577 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6045-C	Feather River Elementary School	CA0400067	Full planning project to drill test well for Feather River School	UEI	DW	\$719,475 (No Change)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6060-F	South Kern Mutual Water Company and Old River Mutual Water Company	CA1500096	Full planning to consolidate South Kern and Old River with City of Bakersfield. Mandatory consolidation	UEI	DW	\$695,457 (No Change)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane; Combined Uranium
		South Kern Mutual Water Company and Old River Mutual Water Company	CA1500344						
Work Plan Amendment	6123-G	Coarsegold Elementary Water System	CA2000611	Construction funding application and develop a corrective action plan (CAP) per the compliance order	UEI	DW	\$534,254 (\$120,456 Increase)	Potentially At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6227-D	Juniper Riviera	CA3600222	Full planning for fluoride MCL violation	UEI	DW	\$481,201 (No Change)	Failing	Fluoride

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6872-C	Olivehurst PUD	CA5810003	Feasibility study to evaluate consolidation with private homeowners in the Arboga region	RCAC	DW	\$580,656 (\$418,804 Increase)	Not At-Risk	N/A
New Work Plan	7098-A	Grizzly Lake CSD - Delleker	CA3200104	Engineering Report	GHD	DW	\$199,947 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Combined Uranium
Work Plan Amendment	7211-B	Knoll Enterprises	CA3600504	Engineering Report	GHD	DW	\$180,138 (\$34,228 Increase)	Failing	Arsenic; Gross Alpha Particle Activity; Combined Uranium
New Work Plan	7282-A	Bridgehaven Park Water System	CA4900644	Feasibility Study	GHD	DW	\$141,384 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
New Work Plan	7296-A	Western Acres MWC	CA4900893	Test well and completing a full planning DWSRF application	P&P	DW	\$870,637 (New Work Plan)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
New Work Plan	7299-A	Kettleman City	CA1610009	Full Planning	P&P	DW	\$315,095 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Arsenic; TTHM
New Work Plan	7297-A	City of Gonzales	CA2701063	Develop DWSRF construction application	NV5	DW	\$110,483 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6648-D	Magnolia Mutual	CA3400130	Feasibility study for consolidation of Magnolia Mutual, Lincoln Chan, and Courtland Boardwalk	RCAC	DW	\$65,925 (\$29,948 Increase)	Failing	Arsenic

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	5227-I	Tract 92 CSD	CA5400903	Full planning to consolidate with Cal Water Visalia	SHE	DW	\$262,106 (\$86,694 Decrease)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	5749-E	Three Palms MHP	CA1000299	Full Planning	SHE	DW	\$57,205 (\$15,195 Decrease)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
Work Plan Amendment	5232-I	Plainview Mutual Water Company	CA5400682	Full Planning	SHE	DW	\$157,827 (\$48,173 Decrease)	Failing	Nitrate-Nitrite; Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	5232-I		CA5410039	Planning grant administration assistance, construction application, construction application funding grant administration, and solar analysis study				At-Risk	N/A
New Work Plan	7255-A	Teviston CSD	CA5400641	Feasibility Study	Stantec	DW	\$440,364 (New Work Plan)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
New Work Plan	7244-A	River Road MWS	CA5000020	Assist with applying to UDWN funding program and identifying project components that still need to be developed	SHE	DW	\$70,331 (New Work Plan)	Failing	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6876-B	Winton Water and Sanitary District	CA2410010	Construction Application	SHE	DW	\$588,918 (\$521,542 Increase)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane

\* - Non-failing system work plan approval on a case-by-case basis.

\*\* TA Providers:

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

**Other Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program Project Summary (includes Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)**

The following SAFER agreements and amendments were approved in June 2025.

SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments (June 2025)						
PWSID	SAFER Status	Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category
CA3301529	Failing	Western Water Conservation	The purpose is to amend an existing agreement for bottled water assistance to Ramona Water Company for an additional two years.	\$153,694 (additional funding)	SADW	Interim Solution



## Emergency Repair Funding Programs

PWSID	SAFER Status	Water System Requesting Assistance	TA Provider	Emergency Type	Project Scope	Total Amount Approved
CA2000506	Failing	Sierra Linda Mutual Water Company	SHE	Loss of water supply	Repair Well #4 pump and deepening the well, emergency hauled water (HW), equipping Well #5 to put into service, and Title 22 costs	\$58,707.75

### Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects

The Lahontan Water Board received approval for Tier 1 Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding in the amount of \$83,350 on June 11, 2025. The CAA funding approval is to mitigate public nuisance and human health and environmental threats from an unauthorized release of petroleum products from a residential underground storage tank (UST) located at 3392 East River Park Drive in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The UST owner does not have the means or ability to implement cleanup actions.

### Schools Grant Programs

#### Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program

No additions for June 2025.

#### Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

### Renewals

Hope Elementary School District, CA5400994, serves 274 students and staff and is considered a Failing water system. The schools is currently receiving technical assistance from Self Help Enterprises to submit a construction application to connect to the City of Porterville. The consolidation is expected to be complete by February 2027. (Application Renewal approved 6/13)

Lakeside School, Lakeside Union School District, CA1502154, serves 981 students and staff and is considered a Failing water system. The California Department of Public Health/ State Water Board and Lakeside School executed a Planning Funding agreement in November 2013. As of May 2025, the plan is still to consolidate with the City of Bakersfield, but other consolidation projects are taking precedence. In the interim, the school is working towards POU installation to accompany bottled water use. (Application Renewal approved 6/13)

Three Rivers Elementary School, Three Rivers Union School District, CA5400704, serves 112 students and staff and is considered a Failing water system. There is no path towards a long-term solution currently. Treatment devices installed in May 2025 are serving as an interim solution. These treatment devices have not yet passed final verification testing. (Application Renewal approved 6/13)

### University Enterprises Incorporated – PFAS Sampling Program

This program provides technical assistance to water systems for collecting and analyzing drinking water well samples for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at all wells serving disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, as required by State Water Board Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. Sampling and analysis services are provided by University Enterprises Incorporated, Office of Water Programs and their partners at no cost to the water systems. All drinking water wells will be sampled at least once. A second round of sampling will be decided by the State Water Board after the first round of sampling is complete. To date, 100% of eligible water systems (1,140 of 1,140) are registered to be sampled and 2,077 wells out of the 3,655 scheduled have been sampled.

### Loans and Grants Branch (L&G)

#### Drinking Water

#### Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (June 2025)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA1910017	Santa Clarita Water Division;	1910240-001C	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	The purpose of this project is to restore these wells back to service by providing the necessary water treatment facilities.	\$17,130,000.00	Not Assessed
CA1910048	Castaic Lake Water Agency;					Not Assessed
CA1910096	Newhall CWD-Newhall;					Not Assessed
CA1910240	Valencia Water Co.					Not Assessed
Groundwater						
CA1910038	El Monte-City, Water Dept.	D2312545	City of El Monte	Clean up metals and VOCs from the former Crown City Plating Company site	\$1,901,250	Not assessed

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended  
(June 2025)**

<b>PWSID</b>	<b>PWS Benefiting</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>	<b>SAFER Status</b>
CA1010029	City of Sanger	1010029-002C	Sanger, City of	Other	A1 to Update Agreement Terms	Not At-Risk
CA1300009	Winterhaven Co. WD	1300009-001P	Winterhaven County Water District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 8/25/2025 to 8/31/2026	Failing
CA3710016	Rainbow Municipal WD	3710016-004C	Rainbow Municipal Water District	Other	Fee in Lieu of Interest	Not At-Risk
CA3710016	Rainbow Municipal WD	3710016-008C	Rainbow Municipal Water District	Other	Fee in Lieu of Interest	Not At-Risk
CA3710020	City of San Diego	3710020-028C	San Diego, City of	Other	Fee in Lieu of Interest	Not Assessed
CA3910015	City of Lathrop	3910015-003C	Lathrop, City of	Other	Fee in Lieu of Interest	At-Risk

**Clean Water**

**Clean Water Funding Executed Agreements  
June 2025**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
<b>Water Recycling</b>			
8651-110	San Francisco, Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of	The project is to provide wastewater treatment and recycled water treatment requirements of the new Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island development.	\$115,000,000.00
<b>Stormwater</b>			
8717-110	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	The project will upgrade Santa Anita Debris Dam to establish new stormwater storage capacity for enhanced flood protection, water quality, and water supply benefits to the downstream disadvantaged communities (DAC).	\$5,000,000.00
8732-110	San Francisco, Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of	This project will include planning, design, and construction of an improved stormwater conveyance.	\$55,000,000.00

**Clean Water Funding Executed Amendments  
June 2025**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>
8029-110	San Luis Obispo, City of	Time Extension	Final Disbursement Date from 6/30/2025 to 12/31/2025
8478-110	Santa Ana, City of	Time Extension	Extend dates and incorporate FBA. Construction Completion Date from 7/20/2024 to 7/31/2025
8297-110	San Mateo-Foster City Public Financing Authority	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date from 8/31/2024 to 12/31/2025

**Office of Operator Certification Program Activity**

The State Water Board, Office of Operator Certification, which is comprised of the Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program, provides support to approximately 40,000 operators and new applicants entering the water industry.

**Completed Events**

On February 21, 2025, the Office of Operator Certification, in coordination with the State Water Board's Division of Information Technology, launched the ability for applicants to submit Grade 5 drinking water and wastewater examination applications electronically through the interactive online application portal.

On April 9, 2025, the Wastewater Operator Certification Program held its semi-annual Advisory Committee Meeting at the CalEPA building. This meeting was attended by wastewater industry professionals and provided an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program, including proposed fee changes for the program.

On April 17, 2025, the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program held its semi-annual Advisory Committee Meeting at the CalEPA building. This meeting was attended by drinking water industry professionals and provided an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program.

On June 17, 2025, at a board meeting, the Board approved a Resolution to adopt amendments to the Wastewater Operator Certification Program Fees in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 26 (commencing with section 3670).

On June 27, 2025, the renewal of the computer-based testing (CBT) service contract with Prometric was executed. This new contract extends the CBT services provided by Prometric for two additional fiscal years.

On July 9, 2025, the Office of Operator Certification, in coordination with the State Water Board's Division of Information Technology, launched the ability for applicants to submit Grades I – V Wastewater renewal applications electronically through the interactive online application portal.

### **Future Significant Events**

On August 13, 2025, the Office of Operator Certification will give a presentation about the State Water Board's Operator Certification programs to drinking water industry professionals at the CA-NV AWWA Water Education Seminar.

Fall 2025, both Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs will hold semi-annual Advisory Committee Meetings at the CalEPA building. These meetings will be attended by water industry professionals and provides an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the programs.

In December 2025, the Office of Operator Certification staff will present an informational item at a Board meeting to provide a status update on the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program and Wastewater Operator Certification Program.

Both Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs are working with the State Water Board's Division of Information Technology to continue development of an interactive online application portal for applicants to submit drinking water and wastewater operator applications for examinations, certifications, and certification renewals. The applicants will be able to update, edit, and monitor their applications. The ability for applicants to submit Grades 1 - 5 drinking water renewal applications electronically through the portal is anticipated to be operational in Spring 2026.

**OFFICE OF OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (OOC)**

<b>DISTRIBUTION DRINKING WATER</b>		
	<b>2024 1/1/2024-6/30/2024</b>	<b>2025 1/1/2025-6/30/2025</b>
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	6,959	6,752
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	3,569	3,093

<b>TREATMENT DRINKING WATER</b>		
	<b>2024 1/1/2024-6/30/2024</b>	<b>2025 1/1/2025-6/30/2025</b>
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	4,183	4,574
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	2,202	2,351

<b>WASTEWATER</b>		
	<b>2024 1/1/2024-6/30/2024</b>	<b>2025 1/1/2025-6/30/2025</b>
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	2,510	1,770
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	1,655	956

<b>DISTRIBUTION – NUMBER OF VALID CERTIFICATES</b>						
Grade	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025
1	4,014	4,013	3,995	3,947	3,925	3,952
2	9,883	9,884	9,846	9,840	9,690	9,751
3	4,278	4,274	4,270	4,283	4,291	4,289
4	1,943	1,928	1,915	1,924	1,916	1,920
5	1,272	1,268	1,263	1,274	1,270	1,274
Total	21,395	21,371	21,293	21,271	21,094	21,188

<b>TREATMENT – NUMBER OF VALID CERTIFICATES</b>						
Grade	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025
1	2,472	2,447	2,418	2,419	2,404	2,405
2	8,639	8,617	8,584	8,609	8,632	8,573
3	2,000	2,006	2,005	2,019	2,031	2,035
4	1,087	1,086	1,082	1,076	1,079	1,080
5	530	528	527	522	529	529
Total	14,729	14,685	14,617	14,646	14,675	14,622

<b>WASTEWATER – NUMBER OF VALID CERTIFICATES</b>						
Grade	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025
OIT	693	709	704	722	735	742
1	783	792	796	794	798	808
2	1,474	1,469	1,469	1,481	1,482	1,476
3	1,807	1,809	1,815	1,820	1,835	1,840
4	417	420	419	419	418	416
5	1,069	1,078	1,078	1,076	1,076	1,083
Total	6,243	6,277	6,281	6,312	6,344	6,365

**Treatment Grade 5 examinations are oral exams administered twice a year  
(Not conducted via computer-based testing)**

<b>TREATMENT GRADE 5 ORAL EXAM PASS/FAIL</b> <b>Reporting Period: Winter 2024</b> <b>2/5/2024 (South) and 2/12/2024 (North)</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Treat. Grade 5	37	16	21	43%

<b>TREATMENT GRADE 5 ORAL EXAM PASS/FAIL</b> <b>Reporting Period: Winter 2025</b> <b>2/17/2025 – 2/21/2025 (South) and 2/24/2025 – 2/28/2025 (North)</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Treat. Grade 5	25	9	16	36%

<b>COMPUTER-BASED TESTING PASS/FAIL</b> <b>Reporting Period 1/1/2024- 6/30/2024</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	571	350	221	61%
Dist. Grade 2	899	598	301	67%
Dist. Grade 3	343	222	121	65%
Dist. Grade 4	145	88	57	61%
Dist. Grade 5	85	50	35	59%
Treat. Grade 1	291	188	103	65%
Treat. Grade 2	657	416	241	63%
Treat. Grade 3	170	120	50	70%
Treat. Grade 4	62	41	21	66%
WW Grade 1	188	103	85	55%
WW Grade 2	202	116	86	57%
WW Grade 3	150	61	89	41%
WW Grade 4	37	10	27	27%
WW Grade 5	79	22	57	28%

<b>COMPUTER-BASED TESTING PASS/FAIL</b> <b>Reporting Period 1/1/2025- 6/30/2025</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	590	382	208	65%
Dist. Grade 2	928	586	342	63%
Dist. Grade 3	379	232	147	61%
Dist. Grade 4	162	99	63	61%
Dist. Grade 5	73	38	35	52%



Treat. Grade 1	300	170	130	57%
Treat. Grade 2	649	400	249	62%
Treat. Grade 3	179	114	65	64%
Treat. Grade 4	69	32	37	46%
WW Grade 1	203	110	93	54%
WW Grade 2	201	96	105	48%
WW Grade 3	182	69	113	38%
WW Grade 4	39	6	33	15%
WW Grade 5	87	25	62	29%

<b>CUMULATIVE COMPUTER-BASED TESTING PASS/FAIL</b> <b>Reporting Period: 2/20/2021 (CBT Inception) – 6/30/2025</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	4,516	2,917	1,599	65%
Dist. Grade 2	7,556	4,972	2,584	66%
Dist. Grade 3	3,018	1,871	1,147	62%
Dist. Grade 4	1,395	798	597	57%
Dist. Grade 5	644	367	277	57%
Treat. Grade 1	2,257	1,375	882	61%
Treat. Grade 2	5,194	3,324	1,870	64%
Treat. Grade 3	1,487	969	518	65%
Treat. Grade 4	617	369	248	60%
WW Grade 1	1,619	876	743	54%
WW Grade 2	1,661	907	754	55%
WW Grade 3	1,524	551	973	36%
WW Grade 4	427	117	310	27%
WW Grade 5	736	210	526	29%

## 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 19 permits were issued between June 11, 2025, and July 10, 2025

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Permit Purpose</b>
GOLDEN STATE WATER CO.-CLEARLAKE SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	ISSUING REVISED PERMIT
TRILLIUM CAFE AND INN	FULL PERMIT	INITIAL PERMIT
HOPE FOUNDATION/MORIAH HEIGHTS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	MODIFICATION OF CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT
KELSEYVILLE CO WATERWORKS DISTRICT 3	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE 10-YEAR-OLD PERMIT
SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT-ID9	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	COOKS RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE CO - WESTLAKE	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS WATER DEPARTMENT	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
SAN JUAN OAKS MWC	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
LEAVITT LAKE MARKET	FULL PERMIT	NEWLY DISCOVERED SYSTEM
LIBERTY UTILITIES - COMPTON	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	DISCONTINUE FLUORIDATION
LIBERTY UTILITIES - LYNWOOD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	DISCONTINUE FLUORIDATION
CARMICHAEL WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WINDING WAY WELL INACTIVATION
TEJON CASTAC WD - I5 & LAVAL RD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	MEMBRANE TREATMENT ADDITION
SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	LADERA RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

		(RMS) & CHLORAMINATION
SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF SUCINTO WELL
COLLEGE PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE 11-YEAR-OLD PERMIT
SONOMA COUNTY CSA 41-SALMON CREEK	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	SODA ASH ADDITION
BRIDGEHAVEN PARK	FULL PERMIT	GAC FILTER ADDITION
CITY OF SACRAMENTO MAIN	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVATE MULTIPLE WELLS

## 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 include issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented between June 11 and July 14, 2025

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
ALPINE ACRES MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
APPLE VALLEY FARMS	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
BELLA GRACE VINEYARDS	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
BELLEDOR VINEYARDS	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
BETTER COOLING PRODUCE	Monitoring	LCR
BIG BASIN WATER COMPANY	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
BIG REDWOOD PARK WATER	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
CACHUMA VILLAGE	Monitoring	LCR
CAL FIRE-HIGH ROCK CONSERVATION CAMP	Monitoring	RTCR
CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	RTCR
CASA LOMA WATER CO, INC.	Monitoring	RTCR
CASA LOMA WATER CO, INC.	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
CASMALIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	LCR

CATHEDRAL HILLS MWC, INC	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
CREW WINE COMPANY	MCL	ARSENIC
DEER MEADOW MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
DEL ORO WATER COMPANY - STRAWBERRY DIV.	Other	SWTR
DEL ORO WATER COMPANY - STRAWBERRY DIV.	Treatment Technique	SWTR
DENAIR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
DEVORE WC	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
DHS CALEXICO	Monitoring	RTCR
EAST THREE RIVERS MUTUAL WATER CORP	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERV DIST	MCL	HAA5
HILLSVIEW HOMES	Monitoring	HAA5
HOMETOWN WATER ASSOCIATION	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY (CURTAILMENT)
HUGHSON, CITY OF	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
JANDE COUNTRY MARKET	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
JUNCTION CITY SCHOOL	Treatment Technique	TURBIDITY
KINECTA FCU	Monitoring	LCR
KINGSBURG, CITY OF	MCL	1,2,3 TCP
L'AZIENDA D'AGOSTINI	Monitoring	RTCR
LAZY J RANCH MOTEL	Monitoring	RTCR
LEGACY PACKING AND COLD STORAGE	MCL	NITRATE

LEGACY PACKING AND COLD STORAGE	Variance/Exemption	NITRATE
LSID - TONYVILLE	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
LSID-STRATHMORE SYSTEM	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
MAIN STREET PRODUCE	Monitoring	LCR
MAJESTIC TOWNSGATE WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	LCR
MEADOWLARK RANCHES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
MELA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
MUSD-NEW HAVEN SCHOOL	MCL	NITRATE
NORTH YUBA RANGER STATION	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
PEOPLE'S FOOD AND DELI INC.	Monitoring	RTCR
PETERS FRUIT FARMS, INC	Other	1,2,3 TCP
PETERS FRUIT FARMS, INC	Other	NITRATE
PETROS WINERY	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
R WAGON BAR	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
RANCHO MARINA	MCL	ARSENIC
RANCHO SECO INC. WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENT VIOLATION
RAY WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE

RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	2,3,7,8-TCDD
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	2,4,5-TP
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	2,4-D
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ALUMINUM
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ANTIMONY, TOTAL
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ARSENIC
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	BARIUM
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	BENTAZON
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	BENZO(A)PYRENE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	BERYLLIUM, TOTAL
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	BHC-GAMMA
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	CADMIUM



RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	CHLORDANE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	CHROMIUM
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	DALAPON
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ADIPATE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	DINOSEB
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	DIQUAT
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ENDOTHALL
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ENDRIN
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	GLYPHOSATE

RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROBENZENE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	LASSO
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	MERCURY
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	METHOXYCHLOR
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	MOLINATE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	NICKEL
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	NITRATE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	NITRITE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	OXAMYL

RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	PENTACHLOROPHENOL
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	PICLORAM
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	SELENIUM
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	THALLIUM, TOTAL
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	TOTAL POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)
RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Monitoring	TOXAPHENE
SANTA RITA WATER	Monitoring	LCR
SANTA YNEZ ROBLAR MOBILE HOME PARK	Monitoring	LCR
SCOTIA CSD	Monitoring	RTCR
SIERRA INN	Monitoring	RTCR
SIGNAL HILL - CITY, WATER DEPT.	Treatment Technique	CHLORINE
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
STOCKTON VERDE MOBILE HOME PARK	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
STUDIOS 6 SUITES	Monitoring	RTCR
USN SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND	Monitoring	RTCR

USN SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND	Treatment Technique	SWTR
V & P TRAILER COURT WATER SYSTEM	MCL	E. COLI
VALENZUELA WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
VAN RUITEN FAMILY WINERY	Monitoring	RTCR
VISTA HILLS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
WALKING M RANCHES	Monitoring	LCR
WINTERHAVEN MOBILE ESTATES	Monitoring	RTCR
WOODVILLE FARM LABOR CENTER	Other	1,2,3 TCP
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>116</b>	

## Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED – 2025		
	June 12, 2025 – July 12, 2025	Year-to-Date
New Accreditations	2	7
Renewed Accreditations	17	102
Reciprocity Accreditations	0	20
Amended Accreditations	19	100
Total	38	229

### Enforcement

ELAP continues to receive investigative referrals from Water Board programs resulting in actionable enforcement of accredited laboratories.

ELAP Enforcement		
	June	YTD
Referrals	6	54
Enforcement actions	4	24

### Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (ELTAC)

ELAP held a virtual meeting for the Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee (ELTAC) on June 27, 2025. The meeting covered a follow-up topic from the meeting on June 5 centered on how the tariffs and supply chain impact the laboratories' ability to both maintain and project testing to meet the Board's priority monitoring. ELTAC voted for one member to finalize documents and recommendations for laboratories to be posted on ELAP's website.

## DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for July 2025 (on 07/11/2025)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	414	Removed Failing Systems	3

### Water Systems Removed from the Failing List in July 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5410039	Plainview MWC	6/17/2025	Tulare	617
0510011	Snowshoe Springs Assn.	6/23/2025	Calaveras	686
3400164	Vieira's Resort, Inc.	7/3/2025	Sacramento	200

### Water Systems Added to the Failing List in July 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5510007	Del Oro Water Company – Strawberry Div	6/11/2025	Tuolumne	1,295
5510009	Groveland CSD	6/18/2025	Tuolumne	3,400
1000454	Viking RV Park	7/1/2025	Fresno	54
1010019	Kingsburg, City of	6/24/2025	Fresno	13,540
1500564	Hometown Water Association	6/25/2025	Kern	25
3700912	YMCS Camp Marston/Raintree	6/26/2025	San Diego	338
3400149	Rancho Marina	6/27/2025	Sacramento	250
3901163	MUSD – New Haven School	7/3/2025	San Joaquin	300

## SAFER Engagement Units

### Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidation was completed during July 2025.

Name	Type	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
Shady Glenn CWS	C	200	121	System consolidated to Placer CWA – Colfax (SWRCB Funded)

### On-Site Treated Nonpotable Regulations

Water Code sections 13558 and 13558.1 require the development of standards for on-site treatment and re-use for non-potable end uses. Targeted outreach began in mid-2021. The notice of proposed rulemaking was published on March 21, 2025, an Administrative Procedure Act hearing to receive public comments was held May 8, 2025, and the written comment period closed May 9, 2025. Staff reviewed the public comments and is preparing a set of revised regulation texts. An additional 15-day public comment period is planned for August 2025.

## **Public Water System Definition Primacy Application Approved**

To receive and maintain primacy, federal law and regulations require California to promulgate regulations that are no less stringent than the federal regulations it enforces.

California's [Health and Safety Code](#) declares California's intent to establish primary drinking water standards that are at least as stringent as those established under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and provides the Water Board with the authority and responsibility to adopt corresponding regulations.

On June 30, 2025, U.S. EPA notified the Executive Director of final approval of California's drinking water primary enforcement authority ("primacy") program revision for adoption of the federal Public Water System Definition. On May 23, 2025, U.S. EPA announced its planned approval of the program revision in the Federal Register ([90 Fed. Reg. 22088](#)). No requests for a public hearing were received during the 30-day public review period and the program revision became effective on June 23, 2025.

## **PFHxS Public Health Goal Requested**

On May 27, 2025, the [Division of Drinking Water formally requested that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment \(OEHHA\) develop a public health goal for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid \(PFHxS\)](#) to allow maximum contaminant level rulemaking work to proceed.

PFHxS is a six-carbon fluorocarbon with a functional group that acts as an anionic surfactant used in numerous commercial products to offer water- and stain-repellent properties and in fire-fighting foams. PFHxS adversely affects growth and development in fetuses, infants, and young children and may result in increased health risks to the immune system and liver effects. In 2022, OEHHA recommended a PFHxS notification level of 2 nanograms per liter (ng/l) or at the lowest level that can be detected with available technologies, based on thyroid toxicity. Based on reported drinking water system monitoring data collected since May 2019, there are 1,609 sample points within 130 public water systems with detections of PFHxS at or above 2 ng/l.



## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

Staff held the following final stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2025-26 fees: July 31– Water Quality and Water Rights and August 1 – Drinking Water and ELAP. Staff is scheduled to take proposed FY 2025-26 Drinking Water, ELAP, Water Quality and Water Rights fee schedule changes to the State Water Board for consideration at the September 16 board meeting.

## **OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT**

### **Enforcement Related Press Releases**

#### **[City of San Diego to Pay \\$11.4 Million Penalty for Sanitary Sewer Overflows](#)**

The City of San Diego agreed to settle an administrative civil liability complaint with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board related to a Jan. 16, 2023, failure at its pump station caused by a combination of inadequate maintenance, an equipment breakdown and high storm flows that resulted in a spill of an estimated 9.8 million gallons of untreated wastewater at multiple locations.

The spill flowed through the downtown corridor, the San Diego Bay shoreline and into the San Diego River. The city conducted sampling at 14 impacted locations, which revealed high levels of bacteria on a shoreline known for its habitats, fishing and recreational uses, the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health and the San Diego City Public Utilities Department posted closure notices at seven locations.

### **Other Enforcement Related Updates**

#### **[Proposed Administratively Civil Liability for 2024 Sewage Discharge to Lake Tahoe](#)**

On July 18, 2024, a subcontractor was working on a Caltrans pedestrian crossing project within the Caltrans right-of-way on Hwy 28/North Lake Blvd and punctured a 24-inch diameter sewer force main. The sewer force main is owned and operated by NTPUD and is the main pipeline in the collection system for transporting raw sewage out of the Lake Tahoe area. An estimated total of 122,800 gallons of raw sewage spilled between two locations and an estimated 85,000 gallons of sewage discharged to Lake Tahoe at Carnelian West Beach.

To settle the alleged violations, the Lahontan Water Board's Prosecution Team, NTPUD, and CalTrans have agreed to the imposition of an administrative civil liability of \$850,000. Of this amount, \$5,000 will be paid to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. The remaining \$845,000 will be permanently suspended upon completion of the Secline Beach Supplemental Environmental Project.

The proposed settlement agreement is now available for a 30-day public comment period. Comments are due by August 8, 2025.

### Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued:

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Fort Bragg/ Fort Bragg	Mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the monthly median effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>• 3 exceedances of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for total residual chlorine</li> <li>• 4 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for settleable solids</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for settleable solids</li> </ul>	\$48,000 (MMP)	6/17/2025

### ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
2	Allstate Plastics/ Hayward	Violated the Conditional Exclusion – No Exposure Certification	\$155,844 (all to the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA))	6/25/2025
3	Santa Barbara City PWD /Santa Barbara	MMP for exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for settleable solids	\$3,000 (all to CAA)	6/12/2025
9	San Diego City Metropolitan Wastewater Dept./ San Diego	Order R9-2025-0010 for an unknown volume of untreated sewage was conveyed via the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to multiple locations along the San Diego Bay shoreline and the lower San Diego River.	\$11,419,608 (all to CAA)	6/11/2025
9	San Diego City Metropolitan Wastewater Dept./ San Diego	Order R9-2025-0053 for 53,169 gallons of untreated sewage were discharged from the South Force Main Vault, 3,725 gallons of which discharged into Lake Hodges.	\$35,045 (\$24,965 to CAA & \$10,080 to a Supplemental	6/11/2025

			Environmental Project (SEP))	
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### Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
2	495 Java Drive Associates, LP c/o The Mozart Development Company/ Palo Alto	13267 directive requiring an investigation workplan for polychlorinated biphenyls at the property located at 1001 Page Mill Road in Palo Alto.	6/3/2025
2	Remarc Manufacturing/ Hayward	13267 directive requiring a site use history report for the property located at 2376 American Avenue in Hayward.	6/10/2025
4	Toll West Coast LLC/ Los Angeles	13267 Order R4-2025-0097 requires a technical report calculating the estimated volume of stormwater that was discharged from the Site during the storm events on February 18-21, 2024, and March 6-7, 2024.	6/5/2025
4	Easy Street XC LLC/ Simi Valley	13267 Order R4-2025-0025 requires a technical report calculating the estimated volume of stormwater that was discharged from the Site during the storm events on December 21, 2023, and February 4-6, 2024.	6/5/2025
4	Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp./ Gardena	13267 Order R4-2025-0026 requiring the submittal of a completed Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire, any available environmental report(s) (e.g., Phase I Assessment, Phase II Assessment, etc.), and a subsurface investigation workplan for the property located at 14422 San Pedro Avenue in Gardena.	6/13/2025
4	Jim and Ardith Fletcher Family Trust/ Gardena	13267 Order R4-2025-0150 requiring completion of a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire providing information regarding past and/or present chemicals stored and used at the Former Bell Industries facility located at 306 East Alondra Blvd. in Gardena.	6/25/2025
4	SGL Technic LLC/ Valencia	13267 Order R4-2025-0012 requiring the submittal of a subsurface investigation work plan for the property located at 28176 Avenue Stanford in Valencia.	6/25/2025

5S	Amanjit Sandhu/ Tracy	13267 Order R5-2025-0812 for unpermitted dumping of fill/solid waste into the existing quarry pit(s) in a manner that appears to create threats to groundwater. Requires the submittal of waste shipment manifests for the duration of receipt of wastes; or if no manifests exist, the submittal and implementation of a work plan to characterize the waste solids for the property located at 29292 S. Tracy Blvd. in Tracy.	6/16/2025
5S	Mike Sandhu/ Tracy	13267 Order R5-2025-0813 for unpermitted dumping of fill/solid waste into the existing quarry pit(s) in a manner that appears to create threats to groundwater. Requires the submittal of waste shipment manifests for the duration of receipt of wastes; or if no manifests exist, the submittal and implementation of a work plan to characterize the waste solids for the property at 31310 S. Tracy Blvd. in Tracy.	6/16/2025
8	MCP Foods Inc dba Firmenich/ Anaheim	Failure to submit Water Quality Based Corrective Action Report for 2023-2024 reporting periods after exceeding numeric effluent limits (NELs) for zinc and copper. Requires the submittal of a report identifying potential sources of zinc and copper, assessment of best management practices (BMPs), and corrective actions to be taken to meet NELs.	6/5/2025
8	Aerospace Engineering/ Santa Ana	13383 Order for failure to submit a Water Quality Based Compliance Action (WQBCA) plan addressing sampling results above the NELs for Zinc and Copper in the 2023-2024 reporting period. Requires the submittal of a report identifying potential sources of zinc and copper, assessment of BMPs, and corrective actions to be taken to meet NELs.	6/10/2025
8	KCA Electronics/ Anaheim	13383 Order for failure to submit a WQBCA plan addressing sampling results above the NELs for Zinc and Copper in the 2023-2024 reporting period. Requires the submittal of a report identifying potential sources of zinc and copper, assessment of BMPs, and corrective actions to be taken to meet NELs.	6/10/2025

**Health and Safety Code section 25296.10 Orders**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/City</b>	<b>Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
4	G. I. Trucking Company/ La Mirada	Order requires the submittal of a remedial action plan including the continued cleanup of soil, soil vapor groundwater, and recovery of free product for the property located at 14727 Alondra Boulevard in La Mirada.	6/30/2025

### Time Schedule Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
5R	Shasta-Sustainable Resource Management, Inc./ Anderson	Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2025-0030 includes a compliance schedule and interim limit for total alpha-benzene hexachloride (BHC).	6/20/2025

### Cease and Desist Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
5F	E & J Gallo Winery/ Fresno	Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2025-0025 to address violations for applying waste constituents in excess of reasonable agronomic rates, applying a volume of wastewater on any single day in excess of reasonable agronomic rates, and causing or contributing to nitrate as N in groundwater to exceed the primary MCL of 10 milligrams per liter. Requires the submittal and implementation of a work plan and the installation of an engineered pad for the byproducts transfer station.	6/20/2025

### Other Enforcement Actions Taken:

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	4	5S	21
2	2	6T	5
3	8	6V	11
4	14	7	0
5F	2	8	24
5R	23	9	13

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

### **FHAB Program Spotlight: Los Angeles County**

If the public were to ask a couple of years ago about harmful algal bloom (HAB) water conditions in Los Angeles area, they would have found that there was limited to no information available. However, last year, Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles participated in the Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Program's pre-holiday assessments where popular waterbodies were monitored for HABs prior to major summer holiday weekends. This year is the second year of pre-holiday assessment participation with the county monitoring Santa Fe Dam Park Lake, Apollo Park, Legg Lake, and Puddingstone Reservoir and the city now monitoring Machado Lake.

This year, there has also been additional recruitment of volunteers to conduct monitoring at El Dorado Park West, El Dorado East Regional Park, and the Colorado Lagoon as part of the pre-holiday assessments. The Surfrider Foundation has also been onboarded and trained and has been assisting the FHAB Program in HAB incident response and monitoring, providing additional coverage for the greater Los Angeles area in informing the public of current HAB conditions to inform recreational advisories.



## OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

### Water Conservation

The response rate for the **May 2025** Urban Water Conservation Report is 86% as of the writing of this report (348 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 157.7 billion gallons (483.9 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential use is 75 gallons per capita per day.

For June 2025, the [Save Water](#) site received 201 water waste reports.

## OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

### Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of July 1, 2025)

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](mailto:waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov).

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
<a href="#">A-2904</a>	Petition of The Toshio Takano and Kun Pou Takano Trust for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2025-0017 for 1001 South Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	4/4/2025	7/3/2025
<a href="#">A-2905</a>	Petition of 1005 Mountain LLC for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2025-0018 for 1005 South Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	4/4/2025	7/3/2025

**OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**  
*(Submits Quarterly)*

## **OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

*(Submits Quarterly)*

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) ensures the Water Boards decision-making processes involve the public and uplift the voices of environmental justice communities and California Native American tribes. Primary program areas include the SAFER Drinking Water program, public participation and engagement with environmental justice communities, language access, and tribal affairs.

### **Tribal Affairs Program**

The Tribal Affairs program strengthens the Water Boards' relationships with California Native American Tribes, conducts meaningful government-to-government consultations, deepens the staff's understanding of tribal needs, and supports tribal participation in Water Boards' decision-making processes, meetings, events, and hearings.

#### **2025 Tribal GIS Summit**

From July 31 to August 1, the California Water Boards will co-host the 2025 Tribal GIS Summit with California Tribal Geographical Information Systems, aimed at advancing Indigenous geospatial capacity, data sovereignty, and environmental stewardship. The event runs from July 31 to August 01, 2025 at the CalEPA Sacramento Headquarters building and via Zoom. The summit will feature breakout sessions, training labs, exhibits, and networking. Key themes include Indigenous data sovereignty, environmental monitoring, climate resilience, and interagency collaboration. Youth engagement and career pathways will be highlighted. More information can be found online:

<https://catribalgis.org/gis-summit-1>

## **Early Tribal Consultation Feedback**

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen relationships with California Native American Tribes, the California Water Boards initiated an early tribal consultation phase to inform revisions to its Tribal Consultation Policy and creation of its Tribal Consultation and Engagement Protocol. This initial outreach was a critical step in ensuring that tribal voices shape and guide the development of policy frameworks that directly impact their communities, water resources, and cultural practices. In efforts to revise its Tribal Consultation Policy, the Water Boards received 71 tribal comments. Feedback was categorized into six themes:

1. General Comments/Non-Consultation (26 comments)
2. Cultural Competence and Humility (15 comments)
3. Traditional Ecological Knowledge (8 comments)
4. Engagement and Communication (7 comments)
5. Legal Considerations (5 comments)
6. Sovereignty (4 comments)
7. Tribal Beneficial Uses (2 comments)

## **Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER)**

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs' role within the SAFER drinking water program includes developing and implementing effective community engagement and outreach strategies that ensure Californians who lack safe, adequate, and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible and that the water systems serving them establish sustainable solutions.

## **Northern Tulare County Regional Drinking Water Solutions**

In May and June 2025, the Water Boards held the first two events in a series of community workshops to explore a sustainable regional drinking water approach to serve the seven neighboring communities of Cutler, East Oroshi, Monson, Oroshi, Seville, Sultana, and Yettem. These public workshops included the participation of community members, community-based organizations, and local water system board members representing over 16,000 total residents in the northeast Tulare County area. Each workshop in the series covers a different set of topics that build on one another – May 2025 explored draft feasibility study results showing possible drinking water solutions and their estimated costs; June 2025 explored possible regional governance structures needed to implement a unified, durable, and inclusive regional project. In addition to the workshops themselves, staff from the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs, Division of Financial Assistance, and Division of Drinking Water actively built relationships with community participants, addressing individual needs and concerns in order for participants to begin developing a shared regional drinking water vision.

## **Moss Landing/Springfield Water System**

In May 2025, Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District broke ground in Moss Landing, Monterey County, on a \$15 million consolidation project to expand the Springfield water system, securing safe drinking water for nearly 400 residents, including 20 households dependent on domestic wells. The project, facilitated through SAFER and fully funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, will be completed in 2026. Post-groundbreaking, staff from the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs, Division of Financial Assistance, and Division of Drinking Water broke bread and engaged in a listening session with community members from the Johnson, McGinnis, and Live Oak Roads area and Community Water Center to understand their needs for accessing safe, adequate, and affordable drinking water and support for consolidation with a nearby water system. Staff from the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs built relationships with the residents and a SAFER Advisory Group member.

## **Kern County Environmental Justice Tour and Community Meeting**

In June 2025, the Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment in collaboration with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation hosted a Kern County environmental justice tour and community meeting. The event aimed to learn from community members, share ideas and resources, and work towards actionable collaborations informed by residents' experiences. Many community members and colleagues from CalEPA agencies participated, including the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the California Air Resources Board, and the State Water Resources Control Board. The tour included visits to the historic Forty Acres farmworker site, a sustainable community garden effort in Shafter, and the communities of La Colonia in Shafter and Arvin, concluding with a community meeting in Lamont. The State Water Resources Control Board shared information about the SAFER Drinking Water Program, engaged with Kern County community members to build relationships, and explored possibilities for future cross-agency collaboration.

## **Community Partner**

In June 2025, the Drinking Water Community Partner Program successfully hired and onboarded its two Community Partner participants, officially kicking off the implementation phase of this pilot program. The goals of the Community Partner Program are to advance sustainable drinking water solutions for hard-to-reach or rural communities through leveraging local expertise of trusted messengers. The Community Partners with local knowledge and ties in the project area will be working to support a regional drinking water effort in southwestern Tulare County. They will be facilitating trust building and proactive communication between the seven neighboring communities of Allensworth, Alpaugh, Earlimart, Pixley, Richgrove, Teviston, and Tipton as they explore regional drinking water solutions. Water Boards staff work closely with our Community Partners to document successes and lessons learned throughout the life of this pilot effort. This effort aims to create a framework that can combine effective public engagement in drinking water decision-making with the decades-long successes of the "Promotore de Salud" model this program is inspired by.

## **San Lucas Community Water District**

In June 2025, the San Lucas Community Water District (SLCWD) board voted to select a preferred solution for long-term sustainable water quality in their community. This preferred solution includes the acquisition of land and construction of a new well; a combination of manganese dioxide filtration, ion exchange, and/or reverse osmosis treatment. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs supported the SLCWD board's decision-making process in partnership with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Division of Drinking Water, and the Division of Financial Assistance as part of the SAFER program-funded technical assistance the Water Boards are providing to the San Lucas County Water District. Water Boards staff built relationships with SLCWD counterparts and community members, addressed questions and concerns from the public, and empowered the San Lucas County Water District as this community in Monterey County weighed potential options to resolve their water quality concerns. These efforts will continue to support the San Lucas County Water District as it takes its next steps to pursue funding for a long-term sustainable water quality solution.

## **SAFER Advisory Group Meeting**

On June 2025, the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group participated in the second quarterly Advisory Group meeting of the year. The presentations included the results of the 2025 drinking water needs assessment, a success story on consolidations, SAFER program accomplishments, and updates on metrics.

## **SAFER Advisory Group Applications**

On July 1, 2025, applications for the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group opened to fill ten seats for the 2026-2027 term. The SAFER Advisory Group is made up of 20 appointed members that represent public water systems, technical assistance providers, local agencies, nongovernmental organizations, the public and residents served by community water systems in disadvantaged communities, state small water systems, and domestic wells. The deadline to apply is August 31, 2025.

## **Public Engagement and Environmental Justice**

The Public Engagement and Environmental Justice program promotes inclusive, equitable, and transparent public engagement in Water Boards decision-making processes for all Californians, especially for environmental justice and frontline communities.

## **Sustainable Groundwater Management**

In 2023, the Department of Water Resources found local groundwater sustainability plans inadequate in six groundwater subbasins under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act's (SGMA) sustainability requirements. On February 27, 2025, DWR found groundwater management in a seventh subbasin, Pleasant Valley subbasin in Fresno County, to be inadequate. These subbasins have been referred to the State Water Board for possible probation. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs continues coordinating outreach and engagement, leading to potential probationary hearings in each subbasin. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity and Tribal Affairs coordinated Spanish and Punjabi interpretation for an informational update about SGMA implementation at the April 15, 2025 Board Meeting. In April 2025, staff released an assessment of new groundwater sustainability plans for the Chowchilla subbasin for public comment, with an executive summary and fact sheet available in Spanish and Punjabi. At the June 3, 2025 Board Meeting, the State Water Board determined that a probationary designation was not necessary for the Chowchilla subbasin, returning the subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' oversight. Spanish and Punjabi interpretation was available for the Chowchilla action item.

## **Language Access Program**

The Language Access program ensures that the Water Boards comply with state and federal language access laws by providing all Californians with meaningful and consistent language access services.

### **Oral Interpretation Services**

Between April and June 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs provided 24 interpretation services for meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Meetings and programs included the SAFER Advisory Group meeting, Sustainable Groundwater Management board items, Salton Sea workshops, regional water board meetings, Fees Unit, Irrigated Lands Program, and Cannabis Regulatory enforcement Unit. Twenty-two interpretation services were provided in Spanish and 2 in Punjabi.

### **Written Translation of Documents**

Between April and June 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 127 translations of written documents for various regional water boards, divisions, and offices. The translations included agendas, public notices, presentations, fact sheets, staff reports, emails, and compliance letters. Programs and projects that utilized translation services include Site Clean-up, Sustainable Groundwater Management, Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management, Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement, SAFER Drinking Water, Surface Water Ambient Monitoring, Fees, Permitting, Drought Planning, Operator Certification, and others. These translations were provided in a total of 10 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Hindi, Cantonese, Tagalog, and plain English language.



### **Increased Capacity for In-house Translations**

During the second quarter of 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs welcomed four bilingual (English/Spanish) staff members. This enhancement in in-house translation capabilities has significantly benefited OPEETA and the water boards' programs. With faster translations and more accurate, consistent terminology for technical and specific water board information in Spanish, the efficiency and quality of communication have greatly improved.

# IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

## Appendix A

July 2025

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of June 2025. This update also covers the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) compliance and outreach activities from May 1 to June 30, 2025. 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 June 1 to July 31, 2025.

**State Water Board** staff continued work with California State University, Sacramento, to convene an expert panel, as discussed in Order No. WQ 2023-0081, *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040*. The panel selection process is complete, with the first public meeting expected to be held over two days on August 8 and 14, 2025. Staff is encouraging the public to sign up for the email list located on [Agriculture](#) webpage, which will distribute panel updates and information on public meetings.

Staff continued coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) contractor on the [CDFA regulatory alignment study](#). By November 2025, a report will be presented detailing the final regulatory alignment recommendations.

**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 Central Valley Water Board's Irrigated Lands compliance and outreach activities. Compliance and outreach activity descriptions are provided in detail below the table. More information can be found in the Central Valley Water Board's [Executive Officer's Reports website](#). The start date for the first 5 items of the table is May 1, 2025. The end date for all items is June 30, 2025.

Outreach Activity Type	Number
On-Farm Inspections	7
Water Code Section 13260 Directives	435
Reminder Letter for Late Report (INMPSR)	93
Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMPSR)	83
NOV for failure to respond to Directive	56
Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled	14,265
Drinking Water Well Samples	25,547
Notifications Required	4,505

Notifications Received	4,472
Indicated Only Member or Family User	2,123
Indicated Replacement Water Provided	1,215
Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water	1,167

### **Compliance and outreach activity descriptions:**

On-Farm Inspections – 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. Central Valley Water Board staff inspect the site conditions, including potential discharge points to surface waters, pollution management practices, chemical storage and handling areas, and wellhead protection practices.

Water Code Section 13260 Directives – Sent to owners of parcels who do not respond to our 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.

Reminder Letters for Late Report (INMPSR) – Informal outreach reminding growers to submit late Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Notices of Violation for Late Report (INMPSR) – Sent to members who did not respond to the reminder letter for submitting their annual Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Notices of Violation (NOV) for failure to respond to Directive – NOV's are 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.

Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled – Number of on-farm drinking water wells that have been sampled, as required by Order No. WQ-2018-0002.

Drinking Water Well Samples – Number of drinking water well samples collected and reported in GeoTracker. Often, more than one sample is collected per well.

Notifications Required – 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 – 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 – 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 – 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 – 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”.

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