# State Water Resources Control Board



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 7, 2025

## **Table of Contents**

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS	1
DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY	4
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	6
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER	18
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	26
OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT	27
OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS and the CALIFORN WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL	
OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE	35
OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL	36
OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT	38
OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS	39
IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM	40
Appendix A	40
CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM UPDATE	45
Appendix B	45

#### **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

#### **CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY - DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

Water Rights Modernization (Action 4.3)

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

On October 7, 2025, the Division of Water Rights launched its new CalWATRS data system. CalWATRS (short for **Cal**ifornia **W**ater **A**ccounting, **T**racking, and **R**eporting **S**ystem) will help the state better manage water rights and make it easier for the public to access important information. The Division gave a CalWATRS presentation at the State Water Board's October 7, 2025, public meeting and plans to hold a public workshop to demonstrate system features and answer questions on October 28, 2025. Details and additional information can be found on the CalWATRS website: waterboards.ca.gov/upward/calwatrs.

#### **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.

In the past month, staff met with the Russian River Water Sharing Program (September 11, 2025) regarding the Russian River watershed and staff and consultants for the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (August 15, 2025) regarding the Napa River watershed. More information on the <a href="Supply and Demand Assessment Program website">Supply and Demand Assessment Program website</a> (<a href="www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda">www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda</a>).

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

The Division of Water Rights hosted a booth at the Department of Water Resources Draft Subsidence Best Management Practices Public Meetings on September 9 – 11, 2025, to offer information on groundwater recharge water rights permitting and Water Code 1242.1 flood diversions. On September 4, 2025, staff presented these same topics at the 2025 Floodplain Management Association Annual Conference in Sacramento.

On September 9, 2025, the Deputy Director issued the Board's first groundwater recharge temporary permit for this diversion season. This 5-year temporary permit (application T033506) was issued to Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (District) to divert to underground storage 763 acre-feet per year from up to 28 points of diversion from the Sierra Valley stream system, tributary to the Middle Fork Feather River, in Sierra and Plumas Counties. The permit allows diversions from September 9, 2025, through March 31, 2030, at a rate up to 7.6 cubic feet per second during high flow events that meet the Board's streamlined 90/20 Method diversion criteria.

Three temporary permit applications were noticed within this reporting period:

- Modoc and Lassen County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (T033518), 5-year, Sacramento River watershed, noticed on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Siskiyou County Flood Control and Conservation District (T033516), 180-day, Shasta River watershed, noticed on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Yolo County Flood Control Water Conservation District (T033519), 180-day, Sacramento River watershed, noticed on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

All pending and issued temporary permits for this diversion season are available online.

#### **DIVISON OF WATER RIGHTS**

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 River and Shasta River watersheds is in effect through January 26, 2026.

- Shasta River Watershed Curtailments: On June 27, 2025, the Board reinstated conditional curtailments for water right holders junior to November 1, 1912
  (Addendum 4 to Order WR 2024-006-DWR). These water right holders were directed to work with the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District (Watermaster) and the 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.
  - On August 20, 2025, the Board issued a <u>temporary amendment to Addendum 4</u>, to adjust the flow requirements in the Shasta River watershed for a limited time as requested by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The emergency regulation allows CDFW, in coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Services, to propose that the Board implement alternative flows at the Yreka USGS gage for a limited time to collect temperature and other information to evaluate whether such alternative follows can provide equal or better protection to fish. The temporary amendment approved a 14-day adjustment to the 50 cfs minimum flow requirement that ranged from 40 to 60 cfs. Precipitation and local power outages limited the ability to precisely manage flows to these targets and complete all planned observations; however, temperature data was collected as were some of the fish surveys.
- Scott River Watershed Curtailments: There are no active curtailments for the Scott River watershed as of mid-September 2025. As of September 15, 2025, flows at the Fort Jones USGS gage were 54 cfs, above the September minimum flow requirement (33 cfs). Flows have been slowly increasing since August 22, 2025. Staff are closely monitoring flows and watershed conditions and 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.

**Don Pedro and La Grange Hydroelectric Projects:** On August 18, 2025, Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District (together Districts) withdrew their applications for water quality certification for the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project and the La Grange Hydroelectric Project (together Projects). The Districts state the withdrawal is needed because the Districts need more time to conduct additional analysis and adopt a final California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for the relicensing of the Projects by the Federal energy Regulatory Commission.

Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project: On September 15, 2025, State Water Board staff released, for public review and comment, a <u>draft water quality certification amendment</u> for South Sutter Water District's Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project. The draft certification amendment includes proposed updates related to: (1) construction of a new auxiliary spillway at Camp Far West Dam; and (2) Bay-Delta Plan compliance language. The Project is located on the Bear River in Nevada, Yuba, and Placer Counties. Comments are due by 12:00 pm (noon) on September 30, 2025. Additional information can be found on the Board's <u>Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project webpage</u>

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/camp\_f ar\_west.html).

**Sites Reservoir Project:** On September 15, 2025, the Sites Project Authority submitted a water quality certification application for construction of the Sites Reservoir Project. A Clean Water Act section 404 permit application was submitted concurrently to the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The water quality certification application starts a one-year clock for the State Water Board to act on the water quality certification application.

Kanaka Hydroelectric Project License Surrender: On September 15, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an *Order Approving Surrender of License and Removal of Project Features for STS Hydro LLC's (STS) Kanaka Hydroelectric Project.* FERC's order includes the conditions from the State Water Board's July 15, 2025, water quality certification for the license surrender. The license surrender involves the decommissioning and abandonment-in-place of several facilities associated with the Kanaka Hydroelectric Project. The hydroelectric project is located on Sucker Run Creek, a tributary to Lake Oroville. STS is expected to begin decommissioning by summer 2026. Additional information is available on the Board's Kanaka Hydroelectric Project webpage

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/kanaka.html).

Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project License Surrender: On September 22, 2025, the State Water Board released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report for the license surrender and decommissioning of the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project (Hydroelectric Project). The NOP provides an opportunity for responsible and trustee agencies, as well as other interested persons, to provide comments on the scope and content of an EIR for the surrender of the Hydroelectric Project. Comments in response to the NOP are due by November 3, 2025. Scoping meetings will be held as follows: in Ukiah (October 15 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm); in Santa Rosa (October 15 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm); and Sacramento (October 17 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm, with a virtual option). As background, Pacific Gas and Electric Company proposes to decommission the Hydroelectric Project and surrender its Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission license. More information, including the NOP, is available on the <u>Board's Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project webpage</u>

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/potter\_valley\_ferc77.html).

#### **DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

#### Wildfire and Resiliency Program Update

On behalf of the California Environmental Protection Agency, staff continue to collaborate with the California Natural Resources Agency to implement the March 1, 2025 <u>State of Emergency Proclamation to Fast Track Critical Fuels Reduction Projects</u>. Staff have reviewed and facilitated approval of over 100 projects, a major milestone highlighted at the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force meeting on September 4, 2025. Eligible projects should apply by December 31, 2025 using the application available on the <u>Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Webpage</u>.

#### Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group Meeting

As specified in the State Water Board Resolution No. 2022-0019, the State Water Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts to support a statewide effort to conduct an assessment of wastewater needs to improve sanitation access to all Californians and to help achieve the human right to water goals. State Water Board contracted with the University of California, Los Angeles – Luskin Center for Innovation (UCLA, primary investigator contracted), Sacramento State – Office of Water Programs, University of California – Agriculture and Natural Resources, and University of Massachusetts – Amherst (WWNA project team) to provide information on and strategies to address California's water-related sanitation system needs. The WWNA contract lasts for four years (2023 to 2027) and is conducted in sequential 2-year phases.

The WWNA project team formed an Advisory Group, made up of diverse organizations across California, to advise on project development and draft analyses, inform the WWNA team on wastewater data and information, and to provide other key areas of expertise and perspectives. The Advisory Group began meeting in July 2024, and has since met quarterly. The next quarterly meeting will be held on October 24, 2025, which aligns with a significant project milestone as the project team transitions from the evaluation of baseline conditions of wastewater infrastructure services in California (Phase 1) to empirical analysis of system-wide needs and solution costs that help provide a long-term pathway for the provision of more equitable sanitation services in California, including a roadmap for ongoing assessment beyond the contract term (Phase 2). The October 24, 2025 Advisory Group meeting will provide an opportunity for open discussion regarding the Phase 1 report and an overview of Phase 2 Workplan.

**Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update:** The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

**Cannabis Cultivation Program Update:** The Cannabis Cultivation Program reports are included in Appendix B 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**

#### Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)

#### **Planning/Construction Project Summary**

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments executed in the month of August 2025.

#### **Drinking Water**

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (August 2025)									
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status				
CA2010008	Madera County M.D. #10A - Madera Ranchos	2010008-007C	Madera, County of (MD10A - Madera Ranchos)	The project will replace approximately 6,819 feet of deteriorated backyard pipelines with new water mains located within the County's right-of-way. The project includes abandoning the failing pipelines, relocating service connections, installing fire hydrants, valves, and other appurtenances.	\$2,779,780	Failing				
CA5410006	Lindsay, City of	5410006-001C	Lindsay, City of	The Project includes constructing a two- stage ion exchange treatment facility to remove nitrate and perchlorate contamination. The treatment system will bring Well 11 into compliance and allow it to be returned to service.	\$5,943,000	Failing				

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (August 2025)								
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status		
CA1510007	Frazier Park PUD;	1510007-001P	Frazier Park Public Utility District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding Increase of \$735,610 and Work	At-Risk		
CA1510023	Lake of the Woods MWC;		-		Completion Date of 6/30/2025 to 7/31/2026	At-Risk		
CA1500459	Lake of the Woods Mobile Village; LDS Church -					At-Risk		
CA1503230 CA1503558	Frazier Park; El Camino Pines Lutheran Church					N/A N/A		
CA1510012	Lamont Public Utility Dist;	1510012-009C	Lamont Public Utility District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding Increase of \$7,772,000 and Construction	Failing		
CA1500493	El Adobe POA, Inc.				completion date from 2/1/2026 to 12/31/2027	Failing		
CA1710006	Konocti County Water District	1710006-005C	Konocti County Water District	Time Extension	Construction completion date from 12/31/2024 to 3/31/2026	Not-at-Risk		

#### **Wastewater**

No new wastewater agreements or amendments were executed in August 2025.

**Administrator Summary**One administrator project was amended and executed in August 2025.

Designated System	Administrator	Date Funding Executed	Connections	Population	Total Amount Approved
Teviston Community Services District	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.,	08/27/25	116	383	\$1,103,083

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

Two O&M projects were executed in August 2025.

PWSID	SAFER	Water System Requesting O&M	Project Scope	<b>Total Amount</b>
	Status	Assistance		Approved
CA5410025	Failing	Woodville Public Utility District	Project will provide Woodville PUD the funding to cover the operation and maintenance of the new nitrate treatment facility for one year.	\$203,059
CA1000054	Failing	Las Deltas Mutual Water Company	Project will continue to provide funding to cover the operation and maintenance to operate the system for one more year	\$214,627

#### **Technical Assistance (TA) Summary**

#### TA Master Agreements & Amendments

No new TA master agreements or amendments were executed in August 2025.

#### TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 342 Drinking Water Systems (196 Failing and 41 At-Risk systems) and to 61 Wastewater Systems. 48% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans approved in the month of August 2025.

Work Plan Type	Work Plan	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
Name Diam	No.	004	044000554	E :!L!!!# . Ot l	NIV /F	DW	Approved	□ -:11:	N1:44
New Work Plan	/28/-A	10A/Mansio nette Estates	CA1000554	Feasibility Study to address nitrate contamination	NV5	DW	\$253,643 (New Work Plan)		Nitrate
New Work Plan	7301-A	North Trails MWC	CA1907014	Full planning	GHD	DW	\$1,597,558 (New Work Plan)	J	Arsenic; Fluoride; Nitrate
New Work Plan	7303-A	Norcal Water Works	CA5200657	Full planning	P&P	DW	\$367,101 (New Work Plan)		N/A

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
New Work Plan	7307-A	Lakeside Joint School District	CA4300779	DWSRF Construction project support	NV5	DW	\$208,850 (New Work Plan)	Failing	N/A
New Work Plan	7308-A	Oak Knolls MWC	CA1500465	Feasibility Study	P&P	DW	\$115,883 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Nitrate
New Work Plan	7309-A	Union Pacific Railroad Co. - Keene Water	CA1500371	Feasibility Study	P&P	DW	\$1,004,966 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Fluoride, Iron, Manganese
Work Plan Amendment	6180-F	CSA 62/122	CA3301577	DWSRF Construction Application	RCAC	DW	\$43,175 (No Change)	Failing	1,2,3- Trichloropropane
Work Plan Amendment	6421-E	Fisherman's Retreat	CA3301267	Feasibility study to address iron, manganese, and arsenic violations.	RCAC	DW	\$535,217 (\$474,046 Increase)		Iron, Manganese, Arsenic
Work Plan Amendment	6809-C	Brookside MHP	CA3600385	Feasibility study for consolidation with City of Redlands	RCAC	DW	\$328,492 (\$227,773 Increase)	0	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6919-B	Spring Valley School	CA0400065	Full planning project for consolidation with Del Oro (Lime Saddle)	GHD	DW	\$1,122,760 (\$154,849 Increase)	_	Fluoride
Work Plan Amendment	7228-B	Paskenta CSD	CA5200534	Preparing evaluation for SWTP and storage tank	NV5	DW	\$113,638 (\$12,198 Increase)		N/A

#### \* TA Providers:

Coleman SB Coleman, Inc., dba Sanbell Sacramento

CRWA California Rural Water Association

CWC Community Water Center

CUWA California Urban Water Agencies
CWH Council for Watershed Health

GHD GHD. Inc.

LCJA Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

NV5 NV5

P&P Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
RCAC Rural Community Assistance Corporation

SHE Self-Help Enterprises

UCD University of California, Davis

UEI University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)

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)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Agreement Type	Funding Amount or Increase	Category	SAFER Status
CA3700897	Guatay Mutual Benefit Corporation	2417020	Amendment for change on cover sheet only	\$0	Bottled Water	Failing

<sup>\*\*</sup> DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Failing system with no primary MCL violation. Failing status due to water source reliability/capacity or

#### **Emergency Repair Funding Programs**

	SAFER	Water System	TA			Total Amount
PWSID	Status	Requesting Assistance	Provider	Emergency Type	Project Scope	Approved
CA1000054	Failing	Las Deltas Mutual Water	SHE	Loss of water	Assist Las Deltas pay their	\$46,044
	_	System		supply or imminent	delinquent bills from the City	
		_		threat thereof	of Firebaugh (April-July 2025)	
					to avoid water shut off.	
90600035	Failing	Ruiz MHP (EPA State	Pueblo	Loss of water	Replace well at Ruiz MHP	\$72,424
	_	Small)	Unido CDC	supply or imminent	with new well, tanks, and	
				threat thereof	pump.	

#### **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 August 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**

<u>Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program</u> No updates for August 2025.

<u>Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program</u>
The following renewals were approved in August 2025.

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Parlier Unified School District	Chavez Elementary	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted until DDW provides official clearance	516
Parlier Unified School District	Martinez Elementary	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted until DDW provides official clearance	468
Parlier Unified School District	Brletic Elementary	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted until DDW provides official clearance	437
Parlier Unified School District	Parlier High	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted until DDW provides official clearance	936
Parlier Unified School District	Parlier Jr High	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted	614

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
						until DDW provides official clearance	
Parlier Unified School District	Benavidez Elementary	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted until DDW provides official clearance	452
Parlier Unified School District	San Joaquin High School	City of Parlier	CA1010025	Failing	Renewal	LTS is complete. A 3 month provisional extension until 10/31/25 has been granted until DDW provides official clearance	41
La Honda- Pescadero Unified School District	Pescadero Middle/ High School	Pescadero High School	CA4100513	Failing	Renewal	9 month extension until LTS is complete (expected March 2026)	135

#### **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 (1,133 of 1,135) are registered to be sampled and 2,773 wells out of the 3,540 scheduled have been sampled.

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

#### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

#### **CWSRF Recent Significant Events**

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

#### SFY 2025/26 Intended Use Plan

The CWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP) was adopted on August 5, 2025. It outlines the State Water Board's plan for administering the CWSRF and its associated financing programs for State Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

#### **CWSRF Future Significant Events**

#### **Annual Report**

Staff are preparing for the start of the SFY 2024/25 Annual Report.

#### Clean Water

Clean Water Funding Agreements Executed (August 2025)								
Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount					
8799-110	Water Replenishment District of Southern California	The Project includes construction of four extraction wells, expansion of the desalter, feedwater pipeline, product water pipeline, and use of the existing brine disposal pipeline.	\$50,000,000					

Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (August 2025)					
Project Number					
8574-110	Gonzales, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$6,000,000 and Construction completion date from 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2027		
8584-110	Amador County	Funding Increase	Funding increase of \$1,025,594		

#### **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**

#### **DWSRF Recent Significant Events**

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

#### SFY 2025/26 Intended Use Plan

The Drinking Water IUP was adopted by the Board on August 19, 2025. It outlines the State Water Board's plan for administering the DWSRF and its associated financing programs for State Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

#### **Technical Assistance – Lead Service Line Inventory**

Through the U.S. EPA in-kind services, CDM Smith continues to provide technical assistance to community water systems (CWS) completing the initial lead service line inventory as required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Priority is being given to community water systems with 500 service connections or less, serving disadvantaged communities (DAC). Applications for Lead Service Line (LSL) technical assistance are being accepted on a continuous basis. Currently, 231 eligible systems have received or are currently receiving assistance from CDM Smith for conducting, reviewing, and submitting their LSL inventories to DDW.

#### **DWSRF Future Significant Events**

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Drinking Water Infrastructure Need Survey Assessment

Staff are now preparing to conduct the 8<sup>th</sup> Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA). The DWINSA estimates the 20-year infrastructure needs of California public water systems eligible for DWSRF assistance. The results are reported to Congress and are used to allocate DWSRF funding for four fiscal years.

#### **Annual Report**

Staff are now preparing the SFY 2024/25 Annual Report.

#### **Drinking Water**

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (August 2025)						
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status	
CA1010034	San Joaquin, City of	1010034-006P		Clean Drinking Water Dispensing Facility and Community Center Project	\$500,000	Not At Risk	
CA4210010	City of Santa Barbara Water Department	I .	of	Upgrade the Cater Water Treatment Plant Clearwell/Reservoir including seismic retrofits to the existing clearwell, and constructing a new chlorine contact basin adjacent to the existing clearwell.	\$50,000,000	Not At Risk	

#### Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)

The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4 or the Climate Bond), approved by voters in November 2024, authorizes \$10 billion to protect communities and nature from the impacts of climate change, such as drought, flooding, wildfire, extreme heat, and sea level rise; to reduce or remove carbon pollution where possible; and in some cases address existing environmental challenges exacerbated by climate change. Approximately \$386 million of the authorization was approved for water reuse and recycling projects. Staff are following budget appropriation process and evaluating how to best administer the funding in accordance with its requirements.

## Water Supply Strategy (WSS) (Action 1.11 – Reuse at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030 and 1.8 million acre-feet by 2040) Update

The SFY 2025-26 CWSRF Intended Use Plan was adopted on August 5, 2025, and includes grant maximums for the Water Recycling Funding Program. The original Proposition 4 language as well as Senate Bill 149 Public resources trailer bill will impact how water recycling funds can be administered. Staff are evaluating how to best administer the funding in accordance with its requirements and will continue to encumber and fund project applications as they are ready to proceed and as additional funds through Proposition 4 become available.

#### Office of Operator Certification Program

#### **Future Significant Events**

On October 20, 2025, the Wastewater Operator Certification Programs will hold its semi-annual Advisory Committee Meetings at the CalEPA building. This meeting is attended by water industry professionals and provides an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program.

On November 17, 2025, the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program will hold its semi-annual Advisory Committee Meeting at the CalEPA building. This meeting is attended by water industry professionals and provides an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program.

#### **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

#### Permitting of Groundwater Treatment Facility for Extremely Impaired Sources

The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) issued a domestic water supply permit amendment on August 27, 2025, to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to operate the North Hollywood Central (NHC) Groundwater Treatment Facility and five associated Rinaldi-Toluca wells (RT-01, RT-11, RT-13, RT-14, and RT-15).

These wells are designated as extremely impaired sources due to the presence of 1, 4-dioxane, trichloroethylene (TCE), and tetrachloroethylene (PCE). The new NHC Groundwater Treatment Facility utilizes four ultraviolet light advanced oxidation process (UV/AOP) trains with hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ) addition, followed by 18 granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels. The facility is approved for a maximum capacity of approximately 17,145 gallons per minute (gpm), or about 24.7 million gallons per day (MGD), of treated water.

#### **Permits**

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (i.e. a new source of supply, modified treatment or addition of 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 29 permits were issued between August 13, 2025, and September 15, 2025

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
MORRO ROCK MUTUAL WATER CO	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 03 STANDBY TO ACTIVE
FREEDOM RANCH	FULL PERMIT	NEW FULL PERMIT
AWA LA MEL HEIGHTS #3	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT NOTIFICATION RECEIPT
TIMBER COVE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	FULL PERMIT	REISSUE REVISED PERMIT
STRICKLAND ACRES	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT UPDATE FOR NAME CHANGE
HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTING CURRENT OPERATIONS
SONORA ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
GRATON MUTUAL WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	FULL PERMIT UPDATE
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	EXPAND THE OLIVER P. ROEMER WATER FILTRATION FACILITY

CITY OF WOODLAND	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELLS 15S AND 16 INACTIVATION
MCKINNEY WATER	PERMIT	WELL 1 CHANGE STATUS TO
DISTRICT	AMENDMENTS	STANDBY
CWSC OAK HILLS	PERMIT	HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM
	AMENDMENTS	TREATMENT PLANT WELL 205
CAL FIRE BASELINE	FULL PERMIT	INACTIVATION OF THE
CONSERVATION CAMP		WESTECH CLARICELL-B
MANITEON OITY OF	ELUL DEDMIT	TREATMENT PLANT
MANTECA, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	GAC FILTER AT WELL 29 FOR 123-TCP
TULARE, CITY OF	PERMIT	NEW WELL 49
	AMENDMENTS	
FAIR OAKS WATER	PERMIT	WELL 9 INACTIVATION
DISTRICT	AMENDMENTS	
COOK'S STATION	FULL PERMIT	FULL PERMIT OWNERSHIP CHANGE
LOS ANGELES-CITY,	PERMIT	NORTH HOLLYWOOD
DEPT. OF WATER &	AMENDMENTS	CENTRAL (NHC)
POWER		GROUNDWATER TREATMENT
EALLOVALE OF DVIOL	DEDMIT	FACILITY
FALLSVALE SERVICE	PERMIT	REPLACE POTABLE WATER
COMPANY	AMENDMENTS	STORAGE RESERVOIR, SNOW CREEK TANK
BIG BEAR CITY CSD	PERMIT	EXPAND BLENDING
BIG BEAR CITT COD	AMENDMENTS	OPERATION: ADDING WELL 8A
	AMENDMENTO	TO THE ROWE BLENDING
		RESERVOIR
SULTANA COMMUNITY	PERMIT	CONSOLIDATE MONSON WS
SERVICES DISTRICT	<b>AMENDMENTS</b>	W/SULTANA CSD - DESTROY
		WELL 02 STANDBY - ADD
		WELL 04
MT. KONOCTI MUTUAL	PERMIT	TANK REPLACEMENT
WATER COMPANY	AMENDMENTS	
SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT REISSUANCE
CALIFORNIA WATER	PERMIT	NO3 BLENDING, WELL 001-07
SERVICE CO-LEONA VALLEY	AMENDMENTS	WITH WELL 001-01
MARIANA RANCHOS CWD	PERMIT	ADD WELL 3
	<b>AMENDMENTS</b>	
LAKEVIEW INN AND	FULL PERMIT	NEW PERMIT
EAGLE LAKE BAR & GRILL		
IRVINE RANCH WATER	PERMIT	REPLACE FLEMING ZONE 8
DISTRICT	AMENDMENTS	RESERVOIR AND NEW

		RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)
STOCKTON EAST WATER	PERMIT	NEW RAW GROUNDWATER
DISTRICT	AMENDMENTS	SOURCE, WELL 2
VALLECITO COUNTY	FULL PERMIT	NEW PERMIT
PARK		

#### **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 customers. Enforcement Actions are used to obtain water system compliance with drinking water requirements to provide safe and reliable water. The Division of Drinking Water's formal enforcement actions involve the use of statutory authority that includes issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following violations were documented from August 13, 2025, through September 16, 2025

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
BEAR RIVER CAMPSOUTH		
SHORE	Monitoring	E. COLI
BOULDER CREEK SCOUT		
RESERV.	Monitoring	RTCR
BOULEVARD PINES MOBILE		
HOME AND RV PARK	MCL	NITRATE
		VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS
BURNT RANCH ESTATES	Other	STANDARD
CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS		
WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	RTCR
CAMP OLIVER	Monitoring	NITRATE
CAMP OLIVER	Monitoring	RTCR
CAMP OLIVER	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
		VIOLATION OF A PERMIT
CAMP OLIVER	Other	CONDITION
CAMP OLIVER	Reporting	RTCR
CARMICHAEL WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	RTCR
CASA RUIZ	MCL	NITRATE
CBUSO DBA WOODBRIDGE		
WINERY	MCL	E. COLI
CIOTTI CELLARS	Monitoring	RTCR
CITY OF PLEASANTON	MCL	HAA5

OLTY OF BUEACANITON	1.401	
CITY OF PLEASANTON	MCL	TTHM
CUTLER PUD	MCL	1,2,3 TCP
CUTLER PUD	MCL	NITRATE
FCWWD 42/ALLUVIAL &		
FANCHER	MCL	NITRATE
GLENWOOD MOBILE HOME		
PARK	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
GLENWOOD MOBILE HOME		
PARK	Reporting	CCR
GOLDEN OAKS MOBILE HOME		
PARK	Monitoring	LCR
HIDDEN FALLS GIRL SCOUT		
CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE
HILLENBRAND FARMHAUS		
BREWERY	Monitoring	RTCR
HOLLISTER SDA CHRISTIAN		OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS
SCHOOL	Other	PERMIT
INYO COUNTY PWD -		BACKFLOW AND CROSS
INDEPENDENCE	Other	CONNECTION VIOLATION
		BACKFLOW AND CROSS
INYO COUNTY PWD - LONE PINE	Other	CONNECTION VIOLATION
KERNVALE MUTUAL WATER CO	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
LA PURISIMA GOLF COURSE	Monitoring	NITRATE
		BACKFLOW AND CROSS
LODI, CITY OF	Other	CONNECTION VIOLATION
MOBILAND CAMPER PARK	Monitoring	RTCR
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	2,3,7,8-TCDD
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	2,4,5-TP
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	2,4-D
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ALUMINUM
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ANTIMONY, TOTAL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ARSENIC
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	BARIUM
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	BENTAZON
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	BENZO(A)PYRENE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	BERYLLIUM, TOTAL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	BHC-GAMMA
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	CADMIUM

NODGO GITI ( OF	<b>.</b>	0.4.00.051.10.4.1
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	CHLORDANE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	CHROMIUM
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	DALAPON
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ADIPATE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	DINOSEB
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	DIQUAT
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ENDOTHALL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ENDRIN
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	GLYPHOSATE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROBENZENE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	LASSO
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	MERCURY
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	METHOXYCHLOR
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	MOLINATE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	NICKEL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	NITRITE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	OXAMYL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	PENTACHLOROPHENOL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	PICLORAM
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	SELENIUM
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	THALLIUM, TOTAL
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
		TOTAL POLYCHLORINATED
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	BIPHENYLS (PCB)
NORCO, CITY OF	Monitoring	TOXAPHENE
PALOMINO ESTATES WATER		VIOLATION OF A PERMIT
COMPANY	Other	CONDITION
PALOMINO ESTATES WATER		
COMPANY	Reporting	CCR
PINE VALLEY MUTUAL WC	MCL	COMBINED URANIUM

PINE VALLEY MUTUAL WC	Monitoring	COMBINED URANIUM
PINE VALLEY MUTUAL WC	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U
		CCR §64602 – WATER OUTAGE
PLEASANT GROVE MHP	Other	(OTHER)
POTRERO COUNTY PARK	MCL	E. COLI
	Treatment	FAILURE TO CONDUCT LEVEL 2
POTRERO COUNTY PARK	Technique	ASSESSMENT
RANCHO PINO VERDE	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
RUSH CREEK LODGE WATER		
SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
SEQUOIA CIDER MILL		
RESTAURANT	Monitoring	RTCR
SIERRA INN	Monitoring	RTCR
TAMARACK LODGE	Monitoring	RTCR
VALENZUELA WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
WHITEHAWK RANCH MWC	Monitoring	TURBIDITY
WILSONA GARDENS MUTUAL	Monitoring	COLIPHAGE (FOR GWR)
ZACA LAKE RETREAT	Monitoring	NITRATE
Total Violations	95	

## **Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)**

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED – 2025				
	August 13, 2025 – September 15, 2025	Year-to-Date		
New Accreditations	3	14		
Renewed Accreditations	26	147		
Reciprocity Accreditations	11	38		
Amended Accreditations	17	124		
Total	57	323		

#### **DDW-SAFER**

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for August - September 2025 (on 9/4/2025)

Summary Results				
Failing Systems	404	Removed Failing Systems	4	

## Water Systems Removed from the Failing List between 8/5/2025 to 9/4/2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
1510015	OILDALE MWC	08/11/2025	KERN	44899
3500823	BEST ROAD MWC	08/15/2025	SAN BENITO	133
3910005	MANTECA, CITY OF	08/21/2025	SAN JOAQUIN	84928
4100509	COUNTY SERVICE AREA 7	09/3/2025	SAN MATEO	300

## Water Systems Added to the HR2W List between 8/5/2025 to 9/4/2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
0400065	SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL	08/07/2025	BUTTE	70
0707589	BELLA VISTA WATER SYS	08/07/2025	CONTRA COSTA	93
1010028	RIVERDALE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	08/11/2025	FRESNO	2756
1500364	KERNVALE MUTUAL WATER CO	08/20/2021	KERN	75
3601085	RANCHO PINO VERDE	08/21/2025	SAN BERNARDINO	66
3710039	PINE VALLEY MUTUAL WC	08/28/2025	SAN DIEGO	2645

1510025	STALLION SPRINGS CSD	09/01/2025	KERN	4910
1000078	FCWWD 42/ALLUVIAL & FANCHER	09/02/2025	FRESNO	291
0400020	PLEASANT GROVE MHP	09/04/2025	BUTTE	327

#### **SAFER Engagement Units**

The SAFER Section held the fourth Northern Tulare County Regional Consolidation Project meeting. The meeting was attended by the boards of Culter PUD and Orosi PUD, the East Orosi Administrator (Tulare County), board members from Sultana CSD, and community members. The meeting focused on the two key deliverables required from the participating water system, a selected project alternative and a joint governance term sheet. The next public meeting will be held on December 9, 2025.

#### **Completed Consolidations**

The following water system consolidations were completed during September 2025

Name	Туре	Рор.	Conn.	Notes
MONSON	C	204	31	Consolidated to Sultana
WATER SYSTEM	0	201	01	CSD (SWRCB Funded)
BEST ROAD				Consolidated to
MWC	С	133	48	Sunnyslope County Water
IVIVVC				District (DWR Funded)

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

DAS has nothing to submit for this report.

#### OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

#### **Enforcement Related Press Releases**

#### Cease and Desist Order to protect region from Tijuana wastewater impacts

On August 27, 2025, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Regional Board) issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R9-2025-0139 to the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to expand its South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) capacity from 25 million gallons per day (MGD) to 35 MGD. This follows a memorandum of understanding (MOU) reached between the federal government and Mexico on July 24, 2025 that outlines actions to be taken by both countries to address the Tijuana River environmental impacts. The San Diego Regional Board's CDO supports the MOU and will allow USIBWC to expedite facility upgrades and significantly boost treatment capacity. Additionally, the CDO maintains the San Diego Regional Board's oversight of the WWTP to protect water quality. To this end the USIBWC must meet interim effluent limitations, comply with a time schedule of remedial and preventative actions, and submit documents regarding design, operation and maintenance of the WWTP.

#### **Other Enforcement Related Updates**

No enforcement updates this period.

## Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued:

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Crescent City/ Crescent City	<ul> <li>Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for:</li> <li>16 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for enterococci</li> <li>36 exceedances of 6-month rolling average effluent limit for enterococci</li> <li>Exceedance of the 30-day median effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>10 exceedances of the 10% for 30 days effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>3 exceedances of the 6-month median effluent limit for ammonia</li> <li>9 exceedances of the monthly median for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for settleable solids</li> </ul>	\$228,000	8/26/2025

#### **ACL Orders Issued:**

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
2	West County Agency/ Richmond	<ul> <li>Mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for:</li> <li>Exceedance of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for ammonia</li> <li>38 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for total suspended solids (TSS)</li> <li>29 exceedances of the AWEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)</li> <li>Exceedance of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the monthly median effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the AMEL for copper</li> <li>10 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD</li> </ul>	\$336,000 (MMP- \$168,000 to the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) & \$168,000 to a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP))	8/8/2025

3	San Simeon CSD/ San Simeon	<ul> <li>13 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS</li> <li>10 exceedances of the monthly average percent removal effluent limit for TSS</li> <li>8 exceedances of the monthly average percent removal effluent limit for BOD</li> <li>MMP for an exceedance of the MDEL for total residual chlorine</li> </ul>	\$3,000 (MMP- all to CAA)	8/13/2025
4	Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation/ Playa Del Rey	<ul> <li>MMPs for:</li> <li>9 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for settleable solids</li> <li>3 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS</li> <li>Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for copper</li> <li>Exceedance of the AMEL for copper</li> <li>7 exceedances of the AWEL for TSS</li> <li>2 exceedancex of the AWEL for settleable solids</li> <li>5 exceedances of the AWEL for BOD</li> <li>Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for turbidity</li> <li>Exceedance of the AWEL for turbidity</li> <li>2 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD</li> <li>Exceedance of the monthly average percent removal effluent limit for TSS</li> </ul>	\$99,000 (MMP-all to CAA)	8/13/2025
4	Caltrans District 7/ Downey	<ul> <li>MMPs for:</li> <li>Exceedance of the MDEL for vinyl chloride</li> <li>Exceedance of the MDEL for oil and grease</li> <li>Exceedance of the AMEL for oil and grease</li> </ul>	\$9,000 (MMP-all to CAA)	8/21/2025

6T	North Tahoe PUD/ Tahoe Vista	On July 18, 2024, a Caltrans contractor punctured one of North Tahoe PUD's sewer force mains resulting in a spill of approximately 122,800 gallons of raw sewage, with an estimated 85,000 gallons of sewage ending up in Lake Tahoe at Carnelian West Beach.	\$850,000 (MMP- all to CAA)	8/13/2025
7	Niland CSD/ Niland	<ul> <li>MMPs for: <ul> <li>3 exceedances of the 10% for 30 days effluent limit for fecal coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the 30-day geometric mean effluent limit for fecal coliform</li> <li>5 exceedances of the AWEL for BOD</li> <li>4 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD</li> <li>Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine</li> <li>Exceedance of the AMEL for total residual chlorine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$45,000 (MMP-all to CAA)	8/13/2025

#### **Time Schedule Orders**

Region	on Discharger/City Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required		Date Issued
5F	U.S. Dept. of the Interior (USDI) National Park Service Yosemite National Park / El Portal	Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2025-0035 includes a compliance schedule for submitting a Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP), progress reports for any design, construction, or implementation of control measures, and a technical report on the identified preferred alternative with its preliminary engineering and evaluation of alternatives. The order includes interim limit for copper and zinc.	8/1/2025
58	City of Davis/ Davis	TSO R5-2025-0033 includes a compliance schedule for submitting a PPP, annual progress reports, conducted a Copper Water Effects Ratio (WER) and Water Hardness Study Workplan and a Cyanide Study Workplan. The order includes interim limit for copper and cyanide.	8/1/2025

#### **Cease and Desist Orders**

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
9	International Boundary and Water Commission/ San Diego	Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R9-2025-0139 supports the July 24, 2025 memorandum of understanding between the United States and Mexico and will allow the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to expedite facility upgrades and significantly boost treatment capacity. It requires USIBWC to meet interim effluent limitations, comply with a compliance time schedule, and submit design, and operations and maintenance (O&M) documents.	8/27/2025

## Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10(c)

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
8	Jasmeet Kaur/ San Bernardino	The Directive requires an investigation into historical underground storage tanks (USTs) and improper storage of hazardous waste that may have resulted in a release of hazardous substances to the subsurface. It requires the submittal of a work plan by October 10, 2025 to determine the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons and other hazardous substances for the vacant lot located at 17164 Cajon Boulevard in San Bernardino.	8/13/2025

## **Cleanup and Abatement Orders**

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
1	Ghost Train LLC/ Laytonville	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R1-2025-0032 requires the assessment and remediation of impacts to waters of the state caused by development for cannabis cultivation, such as greenhouse/cultivation areas, roads, reservoirs, and all other disturbed areas on the Property.	8/11/2025
1	Brite Cleaners/ Healdsburg	CAO R1-2025-0036 requires the Discharger to clean up and abate the discharge of tetrachloroethene (PCE) in groundwater and soil and eliminate the threat of future discharges at the former drycleaner located at 340 Center Street in Healdsburg.	8/21/2025
1	Janeth Alvarado/ Potter Valley	CAO R1-2025-0039 requires the removal of all cannabis cultivation infrastructure from permitted setbacks, properly dispose of refuse and hazardous wastes, and implement erosion and sediment control.	8/22/2025

### **Other Enforcement Actions Taken:**

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued		
1	48	5S	176		
2	132	6T	14		
3	580	6V	30		
4	274	7	11		
5F	100	8	198		
5R	50	9	157		

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

#### FHAB Program: 2025 pre-Holiday Assessments

The Water Boards Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Program just completed the 2025 pre-holiday assessments, sampling high recreation waterbodies in advance of the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day holiday weekends to inform public health. Sixty-nine sites were sampled prior to Memorial Day, one hundred sites prior to Fourth of July, and 101 sites prior to Labor Day. Sampling analyses are largely funded through the Water Boards FHAB Program, but the program would not be a success without partner support. For the pre-Labor Day assessment, 64 of the 109 sites were sampled by partners including counties, irrigation districts, tribes, public utility districts, non-profits, homeowners' associations, regional park districts, and partner agencies. This data informs any potential recreational advisories at these sites which populates the HAB web map and also advises any recommended signage on the ground.

#### Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) Clean Water Team

The Inland Empire Waterkeeper (IEWK) has launched a new program aimed at helping Inland Empire residents stay safe during the growing number of extreme heat events. This program called Building Resilient and Empowering Zones for Everyone (BREZE), will create a community asset map that will identify both existing and potential green spaces in the Inland Empire region (Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board area) that can serve as natural cooling areas for all to enjoy during extreme heat events.

Sites that support or could potentially support Rec-1 water contact cooling activities will be screened through sanitary surveys for recreational waters and water quality monitoring for fecal indicator bacteria. Data will be shared via CEDEN and the EPA Sanitary Survey App for Marine and Fresh Waters. Some of this work builds off lessons learned at a Clean Water Team – USEPA led "Sanitary Surveys for Recreational Waters Workshop" held during the summer of 2024 in southern California.

Last month, our Clean Water Team spent a day with IEWK staff, interns, and volunteers discussing this program and provided coaching during field and laboratory practice sessions held that same day. The Clean Water Team will continue to assist IEWK with training and other support activities throughout the program's duration.

BREZE was made possible through funding from the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program, managed by the California Governor's Office. The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program coordinates the state's efforts to address extreme heat and the urban heat island effect.

#### Water Quality Monitoring Council Meeting: Post Fire Water Quality

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council is an expert advisory group, coordinated by the Office of Information Management and Analysis, that brings together monitoring professionals from multiple sectors to improve the effectiveness and coordination of water quality monitoring statewide. The Council held its most recent meeting on August 21, focusing on the challenges and opportunities related to post-fire water quality monitoring.

The meeting featured a series of presentations from state agencies, community groups, and research organizations that have conducted water quality monitoring following wildfires. Speakers shared their experiences, highlighted lessons learned and identified tools and resources that could improve future efforts. A common theme was the need for standardized, repeatable frameworks to collect, store, review, analyze, and distribute post-fire monitoring data.

In response, the Monitoring Council is forming a post-fire monitoring workgroup to identify key resources and explore effective ways to share them with practitioners and the public. These resources may include recommended analytical methods and data quality objectives, data submission templates, guidance on priority constituents and data interpretation, and a public-facing data portal.

#### OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

#### **Water Conservation**

The response rate for the **July 2025** Urban Water Conservation Report is 92% as of the writing of this report (370 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 191.3 billion gallons (587 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential use is 101 gallons per capita per day.

For August, we received 251 water waste reports through the <u>Save Water</u> site.

In July, the State Water Board conservation team staff released a template for variance and temporary provision requests for the Urban Water Use Objective. Staff held public Zoom webinars and Q&A sessions for request process information on August 11 and 12, 2025. The meeting materials can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>.

State Water Board conservation team staff attended the 2025 Water Data Summit at UC Davis August 19-21. Staff presented on the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation on a panel with the Department of Water Resources and provided technical support "office hours."

#### International

The Office of Research, Planning, and Performance climate team staff attended the 2025 California – Denmark Partnership Summit in San Fracisco to celebrate the re-signing of the MOU between the State of California and the Kingdom of Denmark.

#### OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

## Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of September 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.

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
<u>A-2916</u>	Petition of Chevron Environmental Management Company for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order Dated June 6, 2025 for Former Unocal Chemical Facility No. 0905 and Former Foster Chemical Building, 401 and 411 High Street, Oakland, Alameda County; Issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board	07/03/2025	10/01/2025
<u>A-2917</u>	Petition of Spectrum Chemical Manufacturing Corp. for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2025-0026 for 14422 San Pedro Avenue, Gardena, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	07/14/2025	10/10/2025

<u>A-2918</u>	Petition of Rev 973, LLC for Review of Adoption of Negative Declaration and Approval of Remedial Action Plan, Dated June 30, 2025 for Mouren-Laurens and Leach Sites at 625, 641, 705, 717, and 719 East Compton Boulevard and 15006 South Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	07/30/2025	10/28/2025
<u>A-2919</u>	Petition of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and California Department of General Services for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order for the California Health Care Facility, the N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility, and the O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility, San Joaquin County; Issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	08/08/2025	11/06/2025
<u>A-2920</u>	Petition of the Precision Coil Spring Company for Review of Amendment to Water Code section 13267 Order R4-2023-0038 dated July 28, 2025, for 10107 Rose Avenue, El Monte, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	08/27/2025	11/25/2025

#### OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

(Submits Quarterly)

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS (Submits Quarterly)

# IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM Appendix A September 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 August 2025. This update also covers the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) compliance and outreach activities from July 1 to August 15, 2025, and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board) semi-annual update on the development of the alternative water supply program. 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 August 1 to September 30, 2025.

State Water Board staff continue work with the California State University, Sacramento, to implement 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. Staff hosted the first public meeting for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel over two days, August 8 and August 14, 2025. Meeting recordings are available on the Expert Panel webpage. Staff encourage the public and interested parties to subscribe to the email list available on the Agriculture webpage, which will distribute panel updates and information on future public meetings. Additionally, the public notice was issued on September 8, 2025, inviting the public and interested parties to share input with the Panel members for their consideration of the Panel charge questions at the first Expert Panel public listening session on October 1, 2025.

Staff continue coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) contractor on the <u>CDFA regulatory alignment study</u>. Draft recommendations were released for public comment on September 15, 2025, with the public comment period ending October 15, 2025. In November 2025, the final regulatory alignment recommendations will be released.

**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 <a href="Executive Officer's Reports">Executive Officer's Reports</a> website. The start date for the first 3 items of the table is July 1, 2025. The end date for all items is August 15, 2025.

Outreach Activity Type	Number
Water Code Section 13260 Directives	7
Reminder Letter for Late Report (INMPSR)	132
Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMPSR)	44
Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled	14,301
Drinking Water Well Samples	25,688
Drinking Water Well Notifications Required	4,511
Drinking Water Well Notifications Received	4,473
Indicated Only Member or Family User	2,117
Indicated Replacement Water Provided	1,215
Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water	1,179

#### Compliance and outreach activity descriptions:

<u>Water Code Section 13260 Directives</u> – 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.

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

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

<u>Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled</u> – Number of on-farm drinking water wells that have been sampled, required by Order No. WQ-2018-0002. <u>Drinking Water Well Samples</u> – Number of drinking water well samples collected and reported in GeoTracker. Often, more than one sample is collected per well.

<u>Drinking Water Well Notifications Required</u> – Number of members required to notify users and Central Valley Water Board that their drinking water well samples exceeded the drinking water standard.

<u>Drinking Water Well Notifications Received</u> – Number of notification responses received from members whose drinking water well sample results exceeded the nitrate drinking water standard.

<u>Indicated Only Member or Family User</u> – 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.

<u>Indicated Replacement Water Provided</u> – 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.

<u>Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water</u> – 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".

On August 8 and August 14, 2025, Central Valley Water Board staff participated in public meetings held for the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel.

On August 22, 2025, Central Valley Water Board approved a resolution to exempt the Pit River Subwatershed from the ILRP. The resolution was supported by pesticide use data, long-term surface water monitoring data, groundwater quality trend monitoring data, and drinking water well monitoring data. UCCE also provided information on the dominant crop types in the subwatershed including management practices data and an analysis of economics in the region. The proposed resolution was released for public comment and received 8 letters in support and no letters opposing the action.

Additional program information can be found at the <u>Central Valley Regional Board ILRP</u> website.

## Central Coast Water Board's Regional Alternative Water Supply Program Development – Semi Annual Update

On September 20, 2023, the State Water Board adopted Order WQ 2023-0081, [1] In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order R3-2021-0040 (Remand Order). The Remand Order directs the Central Coast Water Board to develop an alternative water supply program for residents in the Central Coast Region relying on groundwater in areas where the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate is exceeded as a result of agricultural operations. The Remand Order also directs the Central Coast Water Board to consider experience gained through other similar programs in the state, to coordinate with representatives of impacted communities, environmental justice organizations, and others in developing the alternative water supply (AWS) program, and to provide a semi-annual update to the State Water Board summarizing progress made to develop this region-wide alternative water supply program. This is the fourth semi-annual report.

The Central Coast Water Board staff provided semi-annual updates in the following Executive Director's Reports: April 2024, October 2024, and April 2025. This fourth update includes actions taken to implement the direction of the Remand Order between March 1, 2025, and August 29, 2025:

#### **Public Comment Opportunities:**

- On July 23, 2025, the Central Coast Water Board released two documents for a 45-day public comment: 1) Assessment of Interim Drinking Water Needs and Cost in Central Coast Areas Affected by Agricultural Nitrate Groundwater Contamination (Interim Needs and Costs) and 2) Conceptual Structure for the Alternative Water Supply Program: Request for Public Input (Conceptual Framework). The executive summaries for each document were translated to Spanish.
- On August 21, 2025, the Central Coast Water Board hosted a public workshop to present the Interim Needs and Costs and Conceptual Framework and to receive public input. Public comments were provided by the Ag Partners (15-minute presentation), Environmental Justice Representatives (15-minute presentation), Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. (6-minute presentation) and several community members and community advocates. Board meeting presentation materials were translated to Spanish and live Spanish interpretation was provided to inperson and virtual attendees. Board members engaged with staff and the public regarding the AWS program development. No Board decisions were made at this meeting.

#### Additional Outreach and Engagement:

- Preliminary AWS Program proposal: Central Coast Water Board staff facilitated meetings with the Environmental Justice Representatives on April 8, 2025, and the Ag Partners on April 11, 2025, to discuss an idea for a preliminary alternative water supply program that could be rapidly implemented in advance of establishing a regulatory framework. No agreements were made to move a preliminary program forward at the time.
- SAFER Program coordination: On March 27, 2025, Central Coast Water Board staff submitted a memorandum to Chief Deputy Director Karen Mogus outlining some of the potential responsibilities of an AWS program administrator and requesting feedback on the potential for SAFER program staff to act as the AWS Program administrator. On May 13, 2025, Central Coast Water Board staff met with Karen Mogus and Kristyn Abhold from the Office of Sustainable Water to discuss this possibility. On August 21, 2025, at a regular meeting of the Central Coast Water Board, Central Coast Water Board Vice-Chair Wolff asked if SAFER was considering acting as administrator. Karen Mogus, who was present at the Board meeting, responded that the matter is still under consideration and no decision has been made as of yet.
- State Water Board Executive Management coordination: On June 13, 2025, Central Coast Water Board staff and their Executive Officer met with Karen Mogus to discuss interpretation of Order WQ 2023-0081 as it relates to the development of the AWS Program. On July 22, 2025, Central Coast Water Board staff and their Executive Officer briefed State Water Board Executive Director Eric Oppenheimer and Division of Water Quality Deputy Director Philip Crader on the materials that would be released to the public and the August 2025 public workshop.

In addition, the Central Coast Water Board staff successfully applied to the State Water Board to hire a student intern to help support the development of the AWS Program. The job posting for the student internship closed on August 25, 2025.

Additional information on development of the AWS program, including documents released in advance of the first public workshop and written comments received from members of the public, are available on the Central Coast Water Board's AWS program webpage, at the following link:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\_issues/programs/ilp/alternative-water.html

Central Coast Water Board staff are also working to identify and leverage existing domestic well testing and alternative water supply programs' efforts in the region, including the following:

- The <u>Central Coast Drinking Water Well Testing Program<sup>[2]</sup></u> has provided free drinking water well testing for over 500 domestic wells and small water systems since October 2018, in coordination with the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay. Central Coast Water Board staff are currently coordinating with the County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Division's staff to identify wells that would benefit from water quality testing.
- The <u>Central Coast Regional Bottled Water Program[3]</u> has been providing a bottled water delivery service program since October 2019 for eligible low income households whose drinking water wells exceed MCLs. Since October 2019, the Community Water Center has implemented the program with grant funds from the SAFER Program. The program is currently providing bottled water to 481 households in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. Of those 481 households, 348 are being provided with bottled water due to exceedance of the nitrate MCL.
- The Central Coast Community-Based Water Quality Grants Program<sup>[4]</sup> was established on April 22, 2022 (see Resolution R3-2022-0015)<sup>[5]</sup> to support projects that address the human right to water and environmental justice issues and/or provide water quality benefits to underrepresented communities. The Central Coast Water Board allocated \$1.2 million of PG&E settlement funds to the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment for the purpose of developing this grants program.

The Central Coast Water Board plans to continue efforts to gather information to inform the development of a voluntary agreement with dischargers and a regulatory framework for the AWS Program. Staff will continue to identify and develop collaborative relationships with organizations that can implement various aspects of this AWS Program and report to the State Water Board semi-annually.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[1]</sup> https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\_notices/petitions/water\_quality/docs/2023/wqo2023-0081.pdf

<sup>[2]</sup> http://www.centralcoastwelltesting.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[3]</sup> https://sites.google.com/communitywatercenter.org/central-coast-regional-bottled/about

<sup>[4]</sup> https://rosefdn.org/central-coast-community-based-water-quality-grants-program/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[5]</sup> https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\_decisions/adopted\_orders/2022/r3-2022-0015.pdf

#### **CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

### Appendix B October 2025

This Water Boards' Cannabis Cultivation Program (Cannabis Cultivation Program or Program) update provides a summary of significant actions and achievements accomplished by the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality, Division of Water Rights, Office of Enforcement, and nine Regional Water Board staff (collectively referred to as the Water Boards) since the April 2025 Executive Director's Report. Additional information on the Cannabis Cultivation Program, including the <u>Cannabis Cultivation</u> Policy — Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation (Cannabis Policy), General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities (Cannabis Cultivation General Order), Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration (SIUR), and enforcement efforts, is available on the <u>Water Board's Cannabis Cultivation Program</u> webpage.

#### WATER BOARDS' CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM

The Cannabis Cultivation Program continues to operate with significant staff reductions associated with the 2020-21 Budget. Water quality staff in the Program was reduced due to fee funding shortfalls. These staffing reductions caused significant impacts to the scope of the Program. Additionally, funding for approximately 70 percent of the remaining program resources was set to expire on June 20, 2023. Fortunately, Program staff were successful in obtaining permanent positions and funding for the Program in the 2023-24 Budget so the Water Boards can better achieve our statutory mandates in a larger geographic area and contribute wholistically to statewide multi-agency programs with a focus on combatting unregulated cultivation which continues to be responsible for egregious environmental harm and impacts to local communities.

The approved 2023-24 Governor's Budget included permanent authorization for up to 36 additional positions over current staffing levels (phased in over multiple years and partially dependent on fee revenue) and ongoing program funding that no longer requires triennial reauthorization. Unfortunately, due to ongoing revenue shortfalls, the Program has had to further reduce its regulatory staff which has been further impacted by state budget reductions. Although the totality of the staffing reductions is still unknown, the anticipated net gain to the Program from the past budget changes is anticipated to be about 15 percent and will allow the Program to increase its enforcement presence in the illegal market.

Table 1 below shows the Regional Water Boards' 2025 metric goals and Table 2 shows the Division of Water Rights, Division of Water Quality, and the Office of Enforcement's 2025 metric goals, as well as the Program totals for the reporting period.

#### Enrollment

The Division of Water Quality processes all applications for enrollment statewide under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order and enrolled 138 applicants between January 1, 2025, and August 1, 2025. This is an increase of 13 enrollments from the same reporting period last year, which has been generally consistent for the last three consecutive years. The total number of active Cannabis Cultivation General Order enrollments is around 4,400-marking a reduction of around 600 enrollments from last year. Additionally, we anticipate around 500 additional terminations to be issued in December due to lack of payment over multiple years, further reducing the revenue supporting Program regulatory staff.

Between January 1, 2025, and August 1, 2025, the Division of Water Rights issued two SIUR enrollments, bringing the total registered SIURs to about 530.

#### Enforcement

The Program continues to focus on enforcement of unregulated cannabis cultivation sites which often have egregious water quality threats and unauthorized water diversions. Program enforcement staff accompany law enforcement from partner agencies on search warrant inspections in which they document evidence of environmental harm resulting from non-compliance with regulatory protections. Staff use this evidence to support criminal enforcement as well as their own administrative enforcement to facilitate cleanup and remediation of environmental harm, enrollment in our regulatory programs when applicable, and a deterrent for illegal cultivation. This year, enforcement staff has already participated in over 140 search warrant inspections of illegal cultivation sites with partner agencies and issued 20 formal enforcement actions.

One new exciting and innovative aspect of cannabis enforcement is the creation of the Water Board's first drone program. The State Water Board recently recognized the great work done by the Division of Water Rights, with support from the Office of Enforcement and Division of Information Technology, on creating the drone program guidance and procedure documents approved in April 2025. The Division of Water Rights drone program focuses on the use of drones to capture high resolution imagery used to evaluate Water Code, Regulation, and State Water Board Policy compliance and to support administrative enforcement actions.

#### Outreach

Remote outreach events continue to be popular with both regulatory agencies and stakeholders, but local in-person meetings are also occurring, and attendance is on the rise. The Central Valley Regional has continued to provide its enrollees with outreach events addressing various topics including how to enroll, understanding the Cannabis Policy requirements, site development, road design, and enforcement. Table 3 lists the significant public outreach events hosted or attended by Program staff during the reporting period.

#### Conclusion

As shown in the tables below, the program is doing well overall in meeting its goals. The current cultivation season is still underway, and the final numbers will be available in the next program report in April 2026.

Table 1 – Cannabis Cultivation Metrics Reported for Regional Water Boards (January 1, 2025 – August 1, 2025)

		Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Regions	4,8,9	Region 5		Regions	6,7
Measure		Current	Goal	Current	Goal	Current	Goal	Current	Goal	Current	Goal	Current	Goal
3	Directive to Enroll <sup>1</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	12	0	0
	Enforcement <sup>2</sup>	4	8	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	0
	Inspections <sup>3</sup>	20	40	1	2	1	7	18	50	48	30	0	0
Inspection Reports	Issued > 30 Days	2	-	1	-	1	-	12	-	7	-	0	-
	Issued ≤ 30 Days	17	32	1	2	1	7	4	50	32	30	1	0
New E	New Enrollments <sup>4</sup>		30	14	10	6	10	27	15	18	25	14	20
Outreach Events <sup>5</sup>		1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	10	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Directive to Enroll: Water Code section 13260 Letters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Enforcement: Administrative Civil Liability, Cleanup and Abatement Orders, Time Schedule Orders, or Cease and Desist Orders issued to unregulated cultivation sites

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Inspections: Performed on unregulated cultivation sites

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> New Enrollments: Cannabis Cultivation General Order 2023-0102-DWQ (Water Quality)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Events attended or hosted by program staff to train and inform other agency staff and/or the public on cannabis related information including but not limited to the Cannabis Policy, Cannabis Cultivation General Order, and Cannabis SIUR

Table 2 – Cannabis Cultivation Metrics Reported for State Water Board (January 1, 2025 – August 1, 2025)

		Division of Water Quality		Division of Water Rights		Office of Enforcement		Program Summary (Tables 1&2)	
Measure		Current	Goal	Current	Goal	Current	Goal	Current Total	Goals Total
Illegal Sites	Directive to Enroll <sup>1</sup>	-	-	32	40	11	0	59	52
	Enforcement <sup>2</sup>	-	-	14	15	1	1	20	30
	Inspections <sup>3</sup>	-	-	41	50	11	12	140	191
Inspection Reports	Issued > 30 Days	-	-	20	-	0	-	43	-
	Issued ≤ 30 Days	-	-	42	50	8	12	106	183
New Enrollments <sup>4</sup>		-	-	2	10	-	-	140	120
Outreach Events <sup>5</sup>		0	2	1	2	1	1	14	19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Directive to Enroll: Water Code section 13260 Letters (Water Quality) and Notices of Violation (Water Rights)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Enforcement: Cleanup and Abatement Orders (Water Quality), Cease and Desist Orders, Time Schedule Orders, or Administrative Civil Liability issued to unregulated cultivation sites

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Inspections: Performed on unregulated cultivation sites

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> New Enrollments: Small Irrigation Use Registrations (Water Rights)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Events attended or hosted by program staff to train and inform other agency staff and/or the public on cannabis related information including but not limited to the Cannabis Policy, Cannabis Cultivation General Order, and Cannabis SIUR

Table 3 - COORDINATED PUBLIC OUTREACH - CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM<sup>1</sup> (January 1, 2025 - August 1, 2025)

Date and Location	Event Details	Participating Agencies			
Friday, April 04, 2025 Riverside	4th Annual State Service Career Event - University of CA, Riverside Estimated Attendance: 50	South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit, CDFW			
Thursday, April 24, 2025 Redd	Central Valley Water Board, Cannabis Policy Requirements	Central Valley Water Board			
Thursday, January 30, 2025 Redding	Annual Monitoring	Central Valley Water Board			
Thursday, June 26, 2025 Redding	Road Design	Central Valley Water Board			
Thursday, March 27, 2025 Redding	Preparing Site for Development	Central Valley Water Board			
Thursday, May 22, 2025 Redding	Termination and COI	Central Valley Water Board			
Thursday, May 29, 2025 Virtual	Clean Water SoCal - Pretreatment Committee Meeting	South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit			
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Santa Ana	Environmental Cannabis Enforcement Training Estimated Attendance: 100	Division of Water Rights, Office of Enforcement, South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit			
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 Redding	Get Legit with Nevada County Cannabis Alliance	Central Valley Water Board			
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 Virtual	Pomona College - State Service Career Panel Estimated Attendance: 10	South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit, CDFW, Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs			

This table represents public outreach. Staff from the Regional Water Boards, Division of Water Rights, Division of Water Quality, and Office of Enforcement coordinate closely throughout the state with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Cannabis Control, and counties on enforcement efforts but these ongoing coordination efforts are not included as Program metrics and therefore not included in this table.