# State Water Resources Control Board



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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## **California's Water Supply Strategy**

The <u>California Water Supply Strategy</u> requires the State Water Board, by January 1, 2024, working with local water and sanitation agencies to identify recycled water projects that hold the potential to be operational by 2030 and by no later than 2040. The Water Supply Strategy also directs the State Water Board to convene a strike team to identify and resolve permitting and funding obstacles for recycled water projects.

Since convening on January 31, 2023, the strike team has developed a preliminary list of planned recycled water projects for which the Water Boards have permitting or funding records and/or information provided by WateReuse California. The strike team also initiated stakeholder engagement with the regional water boards playing a key role in engaging with local stakeholders and providing information regarding planned recycled water projects as well as potential impediments to increasing water recycling. The second meeting of the strike team was held on May 24, 2023. At this meeting, the strike team discussed the preliminary list of future recycled water projects as well as information provided by many facilities via optional fields of the Volumetric Annual Report. The next steps are to consolidate the lists and to further improve the list of planned recycled water projects and to identify project specific impediments working with the local water and sanitation agencies.

# State Water Board Team receives 2023 EPA National Notable Achievement Award for California Stalled Leaking Underground Storage Tank Case Initiative

Staff from the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA), the Office of Enforcement (OE), and the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) have been awarded US EPA's National Notable Achievement Award for Outstanding UST Cleanup/Revitalization. The team members identified below are receiving this award in recognition of their exemplary efforts in a joint federal-state partnership to spur progress at the most challenging Leaking Underground Storage Tank cleanup sites in the state. The Stalled Leaking Underground Storage Tank Case Initiative made creative use of grant funding and enforcement authorities to reduce the LUST backlog and advance environmental justice priorities. The accomplishments of this team's efforts have been significant and deserving of this national recognition.

Congratulations - Matthew Cohen (DFA), Bill Brasher(DWQ), Dayna Cordano (DWQ), Julie Johnson (DWQ), Susan Ma (OE), Asa Standfeldt (OE) and Bridget Freeborn (DFA)

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

#### **Statewide Wastewater Needs Assessment Contract**

On June 7, 2022, the State Water Board adopted <u>Resolution No. 2022-0019</u> authorizing \$4,000,000 for a statewide wastewater needs assessment (WNA) contract. The contract

implementation is scheduled to begin July 2023 with the primary contractor being the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, School of Public Affairs through the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (contractor). Once initiated, the contract spans four years. WNA Phase 1 is focused on developing the (1) baseline inventory of available wastewater data/gaps, and (2) initial framing of wastewater systems risk definitions, contributing factors to inequities, with a rubric for evaluating solutions for systems of concern, and costs. WNA Phase 2 is focused on providing the results from the system of concern risk evaluation, and the associated solutions, affordability, and funding for the identified systems of concern, and a roadmap for ongoing Water Boards WNA implementation. Water Board staff is working closely with the contractor to begin the WNA implementation including an anticipated September 6, 2023 State Water Board information item.

#### **Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Advisory Committee Meeting**

Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) program staff hosted a virtual Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on June 14, 2023. The meeting was facilitated in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey GAMA program management. The purpose of the meeting was to collect feedback from PAC members regarding program direction for the next phase of the <a href="Priority Basin Project">Priority Basin Project</a>. Meeting conclusions and program direction will be forthcoming.

# Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Water Boards

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the State and Regional Water Boards (Water Boards) have jointly executed a memorandum of understanding establishing regional procedures and alternative timeframes for water quality certification (certification) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for Department of the Army permits. The purpose of the memorandum is to enable the Corps and the Water Boards to work together more effectively and efficiently, increase predictability and transparency, improve coordination and consistency, and allow the Water Boards to ensure compliance with state law and regulations.

The MOU establishes reasonable periods of time, and extensions of those periods of time, for the Water Boards to act on certification requests for certain categories of activities, taking into consideration the complexity of the proposed project, the nature of any potential discharge, and/or the potential need for additional study or evaluation of water quality effects from the discharge. The MOU is available on the water boards website using this link:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/cwa401/docs/mou-usace.pdf

#### Standardization of Municipal Stormwater Cost Reporting

Division of Water Quality staff is developing a proposed <u>Draft Policy for Standardization of Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits</u>, which would establish consistent and transparent methods for estimating and reporting Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit implementation costs. Staff worked closely with regional water

boards and stakeholders to develop proposed standardized cost reporting requirements for MS4 permittees that would provide accurate and reliable data for the Water Boards. The proposed Draft Policy and associated draft Staff Report is anticipated to be released for public comment in July 2023, and a Board Workshop is scheduled for August 2, 2023.

**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 WATER RIGHTS**

#### **Drought-Related Items**

Clear Lake Hitch Tribal and Community Engagement State Water Board staff participated in Robinson Rancheria's Shigom Nature Day on June 8, in Upper Lake, CA. The event was open to the public and offered an opportunity to learn about native and non-native species found in the watershed, participate in hands-on activities and nature walks, and connect with state, federal and local agencies. Board staff connected with Clear Lake hitch emergency project partners and many Clear Lake community members.

Senate Bill 88 Measurement and Reporting Regulation Focused Stakeholder Outreach As part of an ongoing stakeholder outreach and compliance improvement effort, the staff in the Division's Drought Planning Unit has been conducting fact-finding meetings during the months of May and June with approximately 15 targeted stakeholders to better understand challenges that have contributed to the low compliance rates and poor data quality associated with the Measurement and Reporting regulation (commonly referred to as SB-88).

Meeting participants included diverters, consultants, representative organizations, and education professionals. Covered topics included data types and formats, regulatory ambiguities, unique reporting challenges (diversion, re-diversion, storage, and contracts), measurement devices and methods, and alternative compliance plans. Discussions also highlighted annual diversion and use reporting and opportunities for improving implementation. Targeted stakeholder outreach is scheduled to be completed by early July and will be followed by staff level public workshops. Following these meetings, the Division will consider the input and any potential recommendations in evaluating how to improve compliance and quality.

**Scott and Shasta Rivers** Below is a summary of highlights associated with the Drought Emergency Regulation for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

**Shasta River** As of December 27, 2022, all the curtailments are temporary suspended (see <a href="Addendum 1">Addendum 1</a> to <a href="Order WR 2022-0162-DWR">Order WR 2022-0162-DWR</a> and <a href="Addendum 1">Addendum 1</a> to <a href="OWR 2022-0167-DWR">WR 2022-0167-DWR</a> for more information). The curtailments of water rights to the priority date of November 1912 are suspended conditioned on a minimum flow

requirement of at least 50 cfs in the month of June, at the <u>Yreka United States</u> <u>Geological Survey (USGS) gage</u> (see <u>Addendum 11</u>to <u>Order WR-2021-0082-DWR</u>). The temporary suspension will expire at end of June 2023, unless otherwise extended or curtailments are reimposed. Water rights holders are required to coordinate with the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District and State Water Board as appropriate, and if necessary to curtail in order of priority to ensure that the required minimum flows are met at the <u>Yreka USGS</u> gage.

Scott River The suspension of curtailments in the Scott River watershed was extended through June 30, 2023 (Addendum 49). The duration of curtailment suspension is informed by monitoring of current and forecasted hydrology and water demand. The flow requirement for the Scott River watershed, as measured at the Fort Jones USGS gage, is 125 cfs for June 1-23, 90 cfs for June 24-30, and 50 cfs for July. If flows are less than the required minimum flows at the USGS Fort Jones gage, the most junior diversions must cease immediately. Staff continue to monitor forecasts and watershed conditions to determine if further adjustments to curtailments are appropriate. Additional information on the drought emergency regulation effort is available on the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Drought Response webpage (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\_shasta\_rivers/).

# Permitting and Enforcement Branch Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch

#### **Bay-Delta Plan Environmental Justice Focused Listening Session**

On June 7, 2023, the State Water Board held a public listening session to receive input from representatives of environmental justice organizations, economically disadvantaged communities, and black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community members and individuals on the State Water Board's current efforts to update and implement the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan), including consideration of possible Voluntary Agreements. Opening remarks and facilitation of the meeting were provided by the Board's Chair Joaquin Esquivel; Board Members Sean Maguire and Laurel Firestone were also in attendance. During the listening session, State Water Board staff presented on the Board's Bay-Delta planning and implementation efforts, and responses were provided to questions and comments received at a prior environmental justice focused Bay-Delta planning and implementation listening session held on March 27, 2023. Leadership from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Water Resources also attended the meeting and provided remarks. Participants then had the opportunity to provide feedback and input.

Consideration of Addition of Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses to Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan At its meeting on June 7, 2023, the State Water Board held an informational item to receive input on the potential addition of tribal and subsistence fishing beneficial uses into the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan), which include Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), Subsistence Fishing (SUB), and Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL). State Water Board staff provided a summary of tribal

outreach and engagement efforts to date, described tribal and subsistence fishing beneficial uses, including how they could be incorporated into the plan, and highlighted next steps and additional opportunities for input on this matter. Following staff's presentation, a panel of tribal representatives addressed the Board to convey the significance, and support for, the inclusion of tribal and subsistence fishing beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta Plan. That panel presentation was followed by additional public comments.

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

Lower Klamath Hydroelectric Project On June 15, 2023, the Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights (Deputy Director) approved an amended Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan (WQMPP) for Fall Creek Fish Hatchery Construction. New construction activities proposed in the amended Fall Creek Fish Hatchery WQMPP include an additional cofferdam, increased dewatering of Fall Creek, and the removal and replacement of the Coho Raceway Bank 1 facility. WQMPPs are required by Condition 10 of the water quality certification for the Lower Klamath Project License Surrender to ensure water quality protections for ground disturbing activities that are not covered by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Construction General Permit) or other conditions of the certification.

San Gorgonio Flowline Line No. 1 Repair Project On June 13, 2023, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification for Southern California Edison's San Gorgonio Flowline Line No. 1 Repair Project (Project). The Project is located on East and South Forks of Whitewater River and Black Wheel Creek in San Bernardino Counties and involves replacing the upper flowline and repairing the diversion structures and sandboxes. The Project water quality certification is available on the <a href="Division of Water Rights">Division of Water Rights</a>' water quality certifications webpage (<a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/401">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/401</a> certifications.html).

Jackson Lake Dam Toe Slope Protection and Fish Flow Weir Replacement Project On June 19, 2023, the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board issued a water quality certification for Nevada Irrigation District's Jackson Lake Dam Toe Slope Protection and Fish Flow Weir Replacement Project (Project). The Project is located at Jackson Lake in Nevada County and involves installing a steel plate at the toe of Jackson Lake Dam to reduce seepage, installing erosion control along the banks of Jackson Creek immediately bellow the low-level outlet, and replacing an existing fish flow weir located approximately 100 feet downstream of the low-level outlet on Jackson Creek. The Project water quality certification is available on the <a href="Division of Water Rights">Division of Water Rights</a>' water quality certifications webpage (<a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/401\_certifications.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_cert/401\_certifications.html</a>).

#### **DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Completed Significant Events**

On June 22, 2023, a consultation meeting was held with the Native American Tribes and a separate consultation meeting was held with other interested parties for the development of programmatic agreements for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for projects funded with the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs.

# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

**NOE** – Notice of Exemption

ND - Initial Study/Negative Declaration

MND – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

**EIR** – Environmental Impact Report

Lead Agency Environmental Documents Completed for Drinking Water, Wastewater and Water Supply Permit Projects

Project/Permit No.	Applicant	Project Title	Enviro. Document	Adoption / Approval Date*-**
1910004	Golden State Water Company-Artesia	Roseton Plant Tank and Booster Station	MND	5/22/23
1910223	Golden State Water Company-South San Gabriel	Saxon Reservoir and Replacement Well Project	MND	5/26/23
1010024	California Water Service-Visalia	Selma 16 TCP Treatment Project	NOE	6/5/23
P84C-1500364-001C	Kernvale Mutual Water Company	Erskine Creek Water Company and Kernvale Mutual Water Company Consolidation Water Project	MND	4/27/23
2900502-002C	Floriston Property Owners Association, Inc.	Floriston Spring Filtration Project	MND	3/20/23
3400138-001C	Locke Water Works Company	Locke Water System Intertie w/ SCWA	MND	3/20/23
0202504-002C	Markleeville Water Company	Markleeville Water Company Water System Improvements	MND	5/24/23
1910098	Golden State Water Company-Norwalk	Dace Benzene Treatment	NOE	5/19/23
3310033	Santa Ana River Water Company	Well No. 9 Per-and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFOS/PFOA) Treatment	NOE	5/11/23
5401033	Horizon Nut LLC	Well Replacement Project	NOE	5/11/23
3500917	True Leaf Farms, LLC.	Well 5 Project	NOE	5/4/23

4810010	Solano Irrigation District-Gibson Canyon	Gibson Canyon Improvement District Storage and Hardening	NOE	5/11/23
5410039-003C	Plainview Mutual Water Company	Plainview Nitrate Relief Project	MND	4/19/23
2600700	Sierra Business Park Owner's Association	Operation of Production Well P2 and Treatment	NOE	4/6/23
3700866	Del Dios Mutual Water Company	New Well Project	NOE	3/9/23
1910246	Land Projects Mutual Water Company	Operation of Well 6 and Arsenic Treatment Plan	NOE	3/10/23
3410016	Orange Vale Water Company	Well 3 Operation and Treatment	NOE	3/23/23
1910077	GSWC - Florence/Graham	Miramonte Well #4	NOE	3/20/23
4910020	Sonoma County Water Agency	Operation of Sebastopol Road Well - Water Supply Permit Amendment	NOE	3/29/23
3010035	Golden State Water CoPlacentia/Yoba Linda	Operation of PFAS Treatment and reactivation of Bradford Well 4	NOE	1/5/23
3010047	Golden State Water Co-Cowan Heights	Operation of PFAS Treatment and Reactivation of Fairhaven Wells 1&3	NOE	1/5/23
3410010	Cal Am - Suburban Rosemont	West La Loma Well & Contempo Well Sites	NOE	1/5/23
2202036	Autocamp Yosemite	New Well	NOE	1/9/23
3705079	Rancho Guejito Vineyard	Rancho Guejito Vineyard Water Supply Permit	NOE	1/25/23
1410502	National Park Services-Death Valley Stovepipe Wells	Well 1A	NOE	2/2/23
2400011	Dole Atwater Plant	Operation of Granular Activated Charcoal (GAC) Filter Water Treatment Water Supply Permit	NOE	2/2/23
5200014-001P	Wilson Acres Mutual Water Company	Wilson Acres MWC Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project	NOE	4/20/23
1206002-001C	Palomino Estates Mutual Water Company	Palomino Estates Water System Improvements	Addendum	2/28/23

Project No.	Applicant	Project Title	Enviro. Document	Completion Date*
8501-110	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	216th Street Replacement Trunk Sewer Phase 2	NOE	1/11/23
8478-110	City of Santa Ana	Septic to Gravity Sewer Conversion Project	MND	2/7/23
8440-110	City of Paso Robles	City of Paso Robles Recycled Water Distribution System Project	MND	3/8/23
8360-110	Lost Hills Utility District	Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion	NOE	3/15/23
8508-110	City of Santa Barbara	El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution Renewal Project	NOE	3/21/23
8374-110	City of Placerville	Solar Photovoltaic (PV) for the WWTP	MND	3/27/23
8577-110	City of Santa Paula	City of Santa Paula Advanced Water Treatment Facility	NOE	4/19/23
8245-210	City of Dunsmuir	Collection System Improvement	NOE	6/5/23
8534-110	Happy Camp Sanitary District	Happy Camp Wastewater Bridge Pipeline Crossing Project	ND	6/1/23
8404-210	Malila Community Services District	Manila CSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project	NOE	6/15/23
1010035-006C	Del Rey Community Services District	TCP Wellhead Treatment Project at Wells 4, 5, and 7	NOE	3/7/23
1510012-009C	Lamont Public Utility District	El Adobe Property Owners Association and Lamont PUD Consolidation Project (Part 2)	MND	1/3/23
1910067-057C	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	Manhattan Wellfield On-site Hypochlorite Generation Project	NOE	1/17/23
1200518-001P	Riverside Community Services District	Riverside CSD Backup Well	NOE	1/18/23
3610009-002C	Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency	Potable Water System Improvements and Consolidation of Water Systems	MND	1/30/23

4510016-003C	Clear Creek Community Services District	Clear Creek Community Services District Backwash Ponds Repair Project	NOE	2/17/23
5400550-002C	County of Tulare	Yettem and Seville Water System Improvement Project – Phase 2	MND	2/17/23
1510051-001C	Lebec County Water District	Frazier Mountain High School/Lebec County Water District Water System Improvement Project	MND	2/24/23
1010034-004C	City of San Joaquin	Well #3 and Well #5 Manganese Removal System	MND	2/24/23
1010034-005C	City of San Joaquin	San Joaquin Phase 2 Water System Improvement Project	MND	2/24/23
1210012-008C	City of Rio Dell	Water Distribution System Improvement Project	MND	2/27/23
1010035-006C	Del Rey Community Services District	TCP Wellhead Treatment for Wells 4, 5, 6 and 7 Projects	MND	3/7/23
4510001-002C	City of Anderson	Anderson Park Village Consolidation Planning Project	NOE	3/15/23
3610004-002C	West Valley Water District	Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility Expansion Project	MND	4/13/23
8501-110	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	216 <sup>th</sup> Street Replacement Trunk Sewer Phase 2	NOE	1/11/23
5310001-012P	Weaverville Community Services District	East Weaverville Water Treatment Plant Improvements	NOE	3/16/23
0610003-001P	Maxwell Public Utility District	Water System Treatment Improvement Project	NOE	6/1/23
2310001-003C	City of Fort Bragg	Water Treatment Plant Overhaul and Water Tank Rehabilitation	NOE	6/1/23
5304209-001P	Junction City Elementary School District	Water Filtration and Treatment Upgrade Project	NOE	6/13/23
0900308-001P	Quintette Service Corporation, Inc.	Quintette Service Corporation Infrastructure Enhancement Project	NOE	6/2/23
3910012-001C	City of Stockton	Century Mobile Home Park and Sunny Road Water System Consolidation Project	NOE	6/14/23

Water Supply Permit (WSP) Responsible Agency Projects Reviewed					
WSP No.	Applicant	Project Title	Enviro. Document	Completion Date**	
2710010	Helix Water District	East County Advanced Water Purification Project	MND	6/19/23	
3510002	City of San Juan Bautista	Nitrate Treatment and Reactivation of Well 6	NOE	5/11/23	
4810010	Solano Irrigation District-Gibson Canyon	Gibson Canyon Improvement District Storage and Hardening	NOE	5/4/23	
4810013	Rural North Vacaville Water District	Arsenic Remediation Project	NOE	4/11/23	
4910020	Sonoma County Water Agency	Sebastopol Road Well	NOE	3/29/23	
3510008	San Juan Oaks MWC	Del Webb at San Juan Oaks- New Public Water System Water Supply Permit	EIR	3/17/23	
1910246	Land Projects Mutual Water Company	Operation of Well 6 and Arsenic Treatment Plant	NOE	3/10/23	
3010120	San Juan Basin Authority	San Juan Groundwater Treatment Plant- Clearwell Replacement Project	NOE	2/21/23	
1010029	City of Sanger	Well 22 Project	NOE	2/2/23	
1910087	Metropolitan Water District of So Cal.	F. E. Weymouth Filtration Plant Oxidation Retrofit Program	NOE	1/31/23	
3010101	Santa Margarita Water District	Ranch Water Filtration Plant (WFP) Project8	MND	1/30/23	
1010030	Tranquillity Irrigation District	Emergency Well Replacement - Well 8 and 9 Project	NOE	1/25/23	
3010001	Anaheim, City of	Groundwater Treatment at La Palma, Linda Vista, Boysen Park, and Energy Field Sites	MND	1/3/23	
2710004	California American Water-Monterey	ASR 4 Mercury Treatment System	EIR	4/10/23	

<sup>\*</sup> Date CEQA Determination signed by the Deputy Director.

\*\* Date CEQA Determination signed by DDW District Engineer or WSP environmental review completed.

# 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 May 2023.

	Drinking Water Projects Funded (May 2023)	
Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount
0202504-002C	Markleeville Water Company – Distribution system improvements including piping, fire hydrants, pump stations, and water treatment improvements at the treatment plant.	\$5,884,095
1010034-004C	San Joaquin, City of - Construction of a centralized drinking water treatment facility at Well No. 5 site to treat iron and manganese from Well No. 3 and Well No. 5.	\$19,319,810
1010034-005C	San Joaquin, City of – Construction of a new well and a new centralized treatment facility.  Combined with 1010034-004C	\$19,319,810
1200701-001C	Orick Community Services District – Replacement of a redwood tank, site improvements at tank site and installation of a generator.	\$1,246,200
1210012-008C	Rio Dell, City of – Replacement of storage tank, distribution systems piping, and SCADA system.	\$12,862,989
1510006-001C	East Niles Community Services District – Consolidation of 6 water systems with East Niles CSD. New well, storage tank and wellhead treatment, if required.	\$21,671,724
1910070-002C	Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley – Installation of a master meter to intertie Desert Palms MHP with LACWWD.	\$657,452
2010008-006C	Madera, County of (MD10A - Madera Ranchos) – New storage tank with booster pumps, electrical equipment, and control systems.	\$4,060,800
4510001-002C	Anderson, City of – Master meter consolidation of Anderson Park Village. Well rehabilitation, new pump and distribution piping, and electrical improvements.	\$1,238,400

	Drinking Water Projects Amended (May 2023)			
Project #	Recipient – Amendment Purpose			
1000207-001C	Central Unified School District – Incorporate	FBA, extend		
	agreement dates, and increase funding by \$3			
1510012-008C	Lamont Public Utility District – Extend agreer	ment dates		
5000408-001C	Westley Community Services District – Exter	nd agreement dates,		
	incorporate FBA, and increase funding by \$3	99,673.		
	Wastewater Projects Funded (May 2023)			
Project #	Recipient - Project Purpose	Funding Amount		
8360-110	Lost Hills Utility District – Planning study to	\$500,000		
	increase capacity at the existing			
	wastewater treatment plant.			
8374-110	Placerville, City of – Installation and	\$3,970,420		
	operation of a solar photovoltaic system at			
0.470, 440	the water reclamation facility.	¢4 500 000		
8478-110	Santa Ana, City of – Installation of new sewer mainlines, sewer laterals, and	\$1,529,220		
	manholes for new residents. Abandonment			
	of private septic tanks.			
8491-110	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District –	\$1,713,500		
0.01.110	Planning project to evaluate options to	ψ.,ο,οοο		
	connect parcels with onsite wastewater			
	treatment systems to the District's			
	collection system.			
Wastewater Projects Amended (May 2023)				
Project #	Recipient – Amendment Purpose			
7886-110	Isleton, City of – Extend agreement dates.			

## **Administrator Summary**

No new administrator agreements or amendments were approved in the month of May 2023.

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

No new O&M agreements were approved in the month of May 2023.

## **Technical Assistance Summary**

No technical assistance agreements were approved in the month of May 2023.

The following request for emergency funding under the Self-Help Enterprises Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund projects were approved in the month of May 2023.

Work	TA Recipient	Water	TA	Emergency	Total Amount
Plan Type		System No.	Provider	Type	Approved
DW	Bella Vista MWC	CA 1502653	SHE	Well Repair	\$145,397

The table below summarizes the technical assistance work plans approved in the month of May 2023.

Work Plan Type	AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type	Total Amount Approved
Work Plan Amendment	6648-B	Magnolia Mutual	Feasibility study for consolidation of Magnolia Mutual, Lincoln Chan, and Courtland Boardwalk	RCAC	DW	\$17,120 (\$4,747 Increase)
Work Plan Amendment	6422-D	Resthaven MHP	Full planning to address selenium compliance order	RCAC	DW	\$30,638 (\$255 Increase)
Work Plan Amendment	6474-C	Lake Morena Views	UDWN grant administration	RCAC	DW	\$36,800 (\$16,400 Increase)
New Work Plan	6692-A	Warner Unified School District	Pilot testing to evaluate compliance issues for long term solutions in accordance with the Compliance Order.	UEI	DW	\$479,416 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6604-A	Corda Road WS	DWSRF construction application including UDWN application for interim solution.	UEI	DW	\$292,035 (New Work Plan)
Work Plan Amendment	6221-C	West Goshen	Consolidation to Cal Water Services	CWC	DW	\$535,946 (\$273,093 Increase)

Work Plan Type	AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type	Total Amount Approved
Work Plan Amendment	6442-D	Ione Band of Miwok Indians	Assist with planning project to connect Jackson Valley Irrigation District	UEI	DW	\$417,936 (\$28,304 Increase)
Work Plan Amendment	5705-E	City of Santa Rosa	Assist with planning project to consolidate the City with nine water systems.	UEI	DW	\$415,558 (No Change)
Work Plan Amendment	5244-G	Households in the vicinity of the Easton Community Water System Authority	Establishing community water system, outreach	SHE	DW	\$78,000 (\$12,300 Increase)
Work Plan Amendment	6227-C	Juniper Riviera	Full planning for fluoride MCL violation	UEI	DW	\$481,201 (No Change)
New Work Plan	6618-A	City of Ferndale	Full planning to address WWTP overflow during storm events	UEI	WW	\$388,148 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6627-A	Park Royal Mutual Water Company	Feasibility study to evaluate consolidation with City of Santa Rosa	UEI	DW	\$87,101 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6868-A	Cottonwood Water District	Develop Water Asset Management Plan and Capital Improvement Plan	UEI	DW	\$315,548 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6945-A	Klamath Community Services District	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$31,541 (New Work Plan)

Work Plan Type	AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type	Total Amount Approved
New Work Plan	6946-A	Century Mobile Home Park (City of Stockton)	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$8,270 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6947-A	Lake Morena Views Mutual Water Company	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$47,486 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6948-A	Six Acres Water Company	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$84,969 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6949-A	Ray Water Company	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$43,345 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6950-A	Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$51,081 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6951-A	Hardwick Water Company	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$41,462 (New Work Plan)
New Work Plan	6952-A	South Cloverdale Water Corporation	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$104,690 (New Work Plan)

Work Plan Type	AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type	Total Amount Approved
New Work Plan	6954-A	Upper Lake County Water District	Legal assistance to mediate, negotiate, and draft MOU, agreements, easements, etc.	UCD	DW	\$104,091 (New Work Plan)
Work Plan Amendment	6070-D	City of Hughson	DWSRF construction funding agreement assistance & water loss study	SHE	DW	\$312,000 (\$50,000 increase)
Work Plan Amendment	5244-G	Easton JPA (School)	Planning application and legal memo for the legal determination on water providing customers	CWC	DW	\$78,000 (\$12,300 increase)
Work Plan Amendment	6221-C	West Goshen Community	Alternatives analysis, private well sampling, community engagement, & consolidation assistance.	SHE	DW	\$535,946 (\$273,093 increase)

#### \* 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

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

Additionally, the following Technical Assistance Requests were approved as capacity development/subvention tasks:

AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type
6970	Blue Lakes Improvement Club Water	Complete planning work – securing engineering consultant (agree) and a new proposed scope of work.	CRWA	DW
6965	Valley Springs PUD	Conduct MHI Survey.	RCAC	DW
6964	Butteville Union School	Prepare and submit Planning Application.	CRWA	DW
6955	Darwin Community Service District	Provide training to water system representatives on how to complete a CCR for 2023 and beyond.	RCAC	DW
6941	Lower Lake County Waterworks District No. 1	Conduct MHI Survey.	RCAC	DW
6940	Sunnyside Farms Mutual Water Company	Complete and submit the 2022 eAR.	CRWA	DW
6939	Sterling Mutual Water Company	Complete and submit the 2022 eAR.	RCAC	DW

Capacity development is focused on building the technical, managerial, and financial capacity of water and wastewater systems, including rate evaluation, assistance on compliance requirements, and preparing funding applications.

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

SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments May 2023					
Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category	
Winterhaven County Water District	Funding will be used for emergency wastewater pumping and hauling in response to a leak.	Additional \$300,000 (Total \$450,00)	CAA (Urgent Drinking Water Needs)	Emergency Repairs	

#### **Funding Provided for Emergency Drought Response**

DFA staff continue to coordinate closely with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on their drought funding as well as outreach to set up county-level programs to respond to either water shortage or water quality issues for those served by state small water systems and domestic wells. Combined, the State Water Board and DWR are working with 16 counties and continue to coordinate with several other counties on submitting applications.

#### Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA)

No new CAA agreements were approved in the month of May 2023.

#### **Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program**

No updates for the month of May 2023.

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

**CWSRF** Funding Activity

# CWSRF Funding Agreements signed by the Deputy Director (March 20, 2023, to June 20, 2023)

Projects rolling over from the previous Fundable List are identified with a RO superscript:

CWSRF Project No.	Recipient	Project Purpose	CWSRF Funding Amount	
8602-110 RO	Santa Barbara, City of	Braemar Lift Station Rehabilitation Project	\$7,430,411	
8478-110 RO	Santa Ana, City of	Septic to Sewer Island	\$1,529,220	
8360-110	Lost Hills Utility District	Wastewater Treatment Plan Expansion	\$500,000	
8491-110	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Sedco Septic to Sewer Planning Project	\$1,713,500	
8374-110	Placerville, City of	Solar Photovoltaic (PV) for WWTP	\$3,970,4720	
8440-110 RO	El Paso De Robles, City of	Paso Robles Recycled Water Distribution System	\$22,130,000	
		Total	\$73,007,851	

#### **CWSRF Backlog Reduction Update**

The current Fundable List has 20 projects expected to rollover to the 2023/24 IUP, however, 5 of these have an agreement being drafted. DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

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

#### **CWSRF Clean Watersheds Needs Survey**

Clean Watersheds Needs Survey is a federal reporting requirement used to inform clean water funding needs of each state. The Clean Watersheds Needs Survey reporting period ended in May 2023. CWSRF staff have reported approximately \$65 billion in need for the State of California. EPA is expected to report all States' needs to Congress by Jan/Feb 2024.

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

#### SFY 2023/24 Intended Use Plan (IUP)

CWSRF staff briefed Board Members in late April, prior to releasing the proposed Intended Use Plan. A Board workshop to discuss the proposed IUP took place on June 20, 2023, and written public comments were due on June 23, 2023. CWSRF staff anticipate briefing Board Members again in early July, after examining public comments. The proposed IUP is expected to be considered for Board adoption on July 18, 2023.

#### **Policy Amendment**

Staff are also working on a CWSRF Policy amendment and intend to hold a public workshop in September 2023 and present the proposed CWSRF Policy Amendment to the State Water Board in October 2023. One highlight is that the amendment will propose a set of revised Scoring Criteria (Scoring Criteria are used to prioritize CWSRF projects), such that these criteria will further align with Board priorities and process improvement efforts within DFA.

#### **Annual Report**

Staff will be preparing an annual report for the SRF programs, which will discuss projects and communities that have received CWSRF funding among other topics. Staff are contemplating an informational Board Item on this matter to take place in Fall 2023.

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

**DWSRF Funding Activity** 

Divorti Tunding Activity					
DWSRF Financing Agreements (March 20, 2023 to June 20, 2023)					
DWSRF Project #	Recipient	Project Purpose	DWSRF Funding Amount		
531001-012P	Weaverville Community Services District	East Weaverville Water Treatment Plant Improvements	\$733,000		
4710009-002C	City of Weed	Bypass Water Supply Pipeline	\$10,985,000		
3410021-004C	San Juan Water District	Eureka Road Transmission Line Replacement	\$3,995,000		

1210012-008C	City of Rio Dell	Water Distribution System	12,862,989
		Improvement	
2010008-006C	County of	Dublin Plant Storage Tank	\$4,060,800
	Madera (MD10)	and Booster Station	
		Total	\$32,636,789

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

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#### **Policy Amendment**

Staff are also working on a DWSRF Policy amendment and intend to hold a public workshop in September 2023 and present the proposed DWSRF Policy Amendment to the State Water Board in October 2023. One highlight is that the amendment will propose new Scoring Criteria to prioritize DWSRF projects applying for DWSRF loan.

#### **Annual Report**

Staff will be preparing an annual report for the SRF programs, which will discuss projects and communities that have received DWSRF funding among other topics. Staff are contemplating an informational Board Item on this matter to take place in Fall 2023.

#### Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)

Recycled water construction applications must adhere to both WRFP Guidelines and CWSRF Policy requirements. Division staff have posted a draft CWSRF IUP for public comment. See the CWSRF section of this report for more details.

**WRFP Funding Activity** 

WRFP Funding Agreements signed by Deputy Director WRFP Construction Projects (March 20, 2023 to June 20, 2023)				
Project No.	Recipient – Project Purpose	Source	Grant Amount	
8440-110	El Paso de Robles, City of – Paso Robles Recycled Water Distribution System Project	General Fund	\$9,730,000	
	TOTAL		\$9,730,000	

#### **Budget Act of 2022 – Earmark Projects**

The Budget Act of 2022 (AB-179) directed funding to 13 specific projects. There is no discretionary action for the State Water Board, and staff are working to provide funding as instructed.

**Earmark Project Funding Activity** 

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	Earmark Project Agreements signed by Deputy Director (March 20, 2023 to June 20, 2023)					
Project No.	Recipient – Project Purpose	Source	Grant Amount			
8698-110	Ontario, City of - Euclid Avenue Recycled Water System Expansion Project	General Fund	\$10,000,000			
8697-110	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – Design of Large-Scale Regional Recycled Water Project <sup>1</sup>	General Fund	\$80,000,000			
8705-110	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District - Pure Water Monterey Deep Injection Well No. 6 Project	General Fund	\$4,800,000			
		TOTAL	\$94,480,000			

#### Office of Operator Certification

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 June 27, 2023, The Office of Operator Certification held a joint Drinking Water Operator Certification Program (DWOCP) and Wastewater Operator Certification Program (WWOCP) Advisory Committees Meeting (via hybrid) in the CalEPA Building. The purpose of the meeting was for the DWOCP and WWOCP Advisory Committees to consider proposed recommendations presented by the DWOCP and WWOCP Advisory Committee Sub Workgroups.

The proposed recommendations covered: 1.) utilizing a guidance document on reporting drinking water operator certification experience, 2.) amending education requirements for wastewater operator-in-training, 3.) amending experience requirements for certified drinking water treatment operators at advanced treatment facilities, and 4.) establishing clear processes and procedures in implementing Assembly Bill 1588, in recognizing military experience.

#### **Future Significant Events**

Both Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs are working with the Division of Information Technology to develop 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's project did not receive a funding agreement. The District received a direct lump sum payment of \$80 million, as directed by Budget Act of 2022.

update, edit, and monitor their applications. This will be a phased approach, starting with lower-level examination applications. The interactive online application portalphase 1 implementation is anticipated to be operational in September 2023.

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

**Permits** Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that June 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 33 permits were issued between May 16, 2023, and June 15, 2023.

Water System	Downit Tuno	Downit Dumos
Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
BRANSCOMB MOBILE	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
HOME PARK		
CAL AM - ARDEN	PERMIT	ADD NEW WELL - COTTAGE
	AMENDMENTS	WELL
ROUND MOUNTAIN	PERMIT	FOR POUS
WATER COMPANY	AMENDMENTS	
LIBERTY UTILITIES -	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP,
BELLFLOWER-NORWALK		APPENDICES TO
		ENGINEERING REPORT
LERDO SHERIFF S	PERMIT	PA & 2022 SS FOR CCT
FACILITY	AMENDMENTS	
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY	PERMIT	LAS PERMIT RECEIPT
W.ACASTAIC DIV.	AMENDMENTS	
SANTA YNEZ RIVER	PERMIT	WELL STATUS CHANGES
WATER CONS. DIST.	AMENDMENTS	
ID#1		
MENDOCINO COUNTY	PERMIT	MNTHLY SAMPLING FOR NO3
FAIRGROUNDS	AMENDMENTS	WELLS 01 & 02
REDLANDS CITY MUD-	PERMIT	TO REMOVE THE
WATER DIV	AMENDMENTS	PERCHLORATE TREATMENT
		AT REES WELL
RMRC-QUAKING ASPEN	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTS CURRENT
CAMPGROUND		OWNERSHIP AND
		OPERATIONS
RMRC-REDWOOD	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTS CURRENT
MEADOW		OWNERSHIP AND
CAMPGROUND		OPERATIONS
USMC - 29 PALMS	FULL PERMIT	ERRATA FOR PERMIT NO. 05-
		13-22P-001
GRANVILLE FARMS, LLC	PERMIT	SURFACE WATER TRT_DBP
	AMENDMENTS	TRT

TRUE ORGANIC PRODUCTS	FULL PERMIT	POU TREATMENT
MHC TT INC. (DBA PIO PICO)	FULL PERMIT	05-14-23P-001 - 3702104 - MHC TT - FULL PERMIT
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WC - FONTANA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD POTABLE WATER STORAGE TANK F-10 EAST
O'CONNOR HOSPITAL	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	DATA SHEETS FOR RESERVOIRS, CHLORINATION, WELL DATA, DISTRIBUTION, PUMP STATION
FAIR OAKS WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE STATUS OF WELL 07 FROM "ACTIVE RAW" TO
SEQUOIA MOTEL	CILL DEDMIT	"STANDBY SOURCE"
TEMPLETON CSD	FULL PERMIT FULL PERMIT	NEW OWNERSHIP PERMIT UPDATE AND INACTIVATION OF PLATZ 02 WELL
TEHACHAPI, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WATER SUPPLY PERMIT AMENDMENT
STALLION SPRINGS CSD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	PERMIT AMENDMENT
YOSEMITE SPRING PARK UTIL CO	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTING CURRENT OPS
ATLAS BUSINESS PARK	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE
QUALITY INN SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	SANITARY SURVEY FOR QUALITY INN SYSTEM
LOS ANGELES-CITY, DEPT. OF WATER & POWER	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	HEADWORKS EAST RESERVOIR
DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT
NAVALAIR MOBILE HOME PARK	FULL PERMIT	FULL PERMIT UPDATE, INACTIVATION OF WELL 01
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO MONTEBELLO	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REPLACEMENT 0.6MG M3 TANK W/ 0.6MG M3 EAST TANK, AND ADDITION A 0.7MG WEST TANK
SKYLONDA MUTUAL	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CONSOLIDATION WITH CWSC- BG
YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	TANK R-17.1.1 - APPROVED TO GO INTO SERVICE PER PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

CAMP PENDLETON	PERMIT	REACTIVATE WELL 26018,
(SOUTH)	AMENDMENTS	INACTIVATE WELL 23001, AND
		USE EXISTING AWT 2470 GAC
		SYSTEM FOR PFAS REMOVAL
CAL AM WATER	PERMIT	REPLACEMENT OF WELL 2
COMPANY - TORO	AMENDMENTS	WITH TORO WELL 04

#### **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 includes issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented from June 1 and June 30, 2023.

	Violat		
Public Water System	ion	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
ALPINE ACRES MUTUAL			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
WATER CO	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
ALPINE MEADOWS			
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSO	MON	Monitoring	CARBON, TOTAL
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
BENITO VALLEY FARMS	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
BRACKEN BRAE COUNTRY			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
CLUB	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
CALTRANS, BUCKMAN			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
SPRINGS REST AREA	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
CALTRANS, SAND HILL REST			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
STOP	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
CARMICHAEL WATER			VIOLATION OF A PERMIT
DISTRICT		Other	PROVISION
CARRISA PLAINS			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
ELEMENTARY	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
COPELAND'S PROPERTIES	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
CRESTON COUNTRY STORE	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
CSP-ANDREW MOLERA			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
STATE RESERVE	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
CSP-J.P. BURNS PARK	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT

CSP-LIMEKILN	RPT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
CSP-PFEIFFER BIG SUR	RPT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
DIAZ LAKE CAMPGROUND	RPT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
ECHO VALLEY SCHOOL WS	MCL	MCL	ARSENIC
LOTIO VALLET GOTTOGE WG	IVIOL	IVIOL	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
GONZALES, CITY OF	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
GRUMPY BEARS RETREAT	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
GUADALUPE COOLING COMPANY	MCL	MCL	NITRATE
HALCYON WATER SYSTEM	RPT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
HALFWAY STATION	RPT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
HEATHER GLEN COMMUNITY SERVICE DIST	MON	Monitoring	CARBON, TOTAL
LAKE HENSHAW RESORT INC.	1	MCL	MANGANESE
LAKE HENSHAW RESORT INC.		Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
LAKE HENSHAW RESORT INC.		MCL	IRON
E, INC. HEIGH, WY INCOUNT INC.	IVIOL	Source	CCR §64554 – SRC
LAUREL COMMUNITY LEAGUE		Capacity	CAPACITY
LINKS AT VISTA DEL HOMBRE, THE	RPT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
LOS ANGELES-CITY, DEPT. OF WATER & POWER		Other	OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS PERMIT
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN		Other Treatment Technique	VALID PWS PERMIT
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON	TT	Treatment Technique Treatment	VALID PWS PERMIT TURBIDITY
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE	TT TT	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique	VALID PWS PERMIT  TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE MARBLE QUARRY RESORT	TT TT RPT	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique Reporting	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE  MARBLE QUARRY RESORT MEINERS OAKS CWD	TT TT	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT  RTCR
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE MARBLE QUARRY RESORT	TT TT RPT	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique Reporting	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE  MARBLE QUARRY RESORT MEINERS OAKS CWD MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT. MONROVIA-CITY, WATER	TT TT RPT MON	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique Reporting Monitoring Other	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT  RTCR  VIOLATION OF A PERMIT PROVISION
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE  MARBLE QUARRY RESORT MEINERS OAKS CWD MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT. MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	TT TT RPT	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique Reporting Monitoring	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT  RTCR  VIOLATION OF A PERMIT PROVISION  NITRATE
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE  MARBLE QUARRY RESORT MEINERS OAKS CWD MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT. MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT. MUTUAL WATER	TT TT RPT MON	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique Reporting Monitoring Other Monitoring	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT  RTCR  VIOLATION OF A PERMIT PROVISION  NITRATE  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
WATER & POWER MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES MADERA CO SA02-WISHON COVE  MARBLE QUARRY RESORT MEINERS OAKS CWD MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT. MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	TT TT RPT MON	Treatment Technique Treatment Technique Reporting Monitoring Other	TURBIDITY  TURBIDITY  FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT  RTCR  VIOLATION OF A PERMIT PROVISION  NITRATE

PACHECO ELEMENTARY			
SCHOOL	MON	Monitoring	RTCR
PEOPLE'S FOOD AND DELI			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
INC.	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
POZO SALOON	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY			
SCHOOL	MON	Monitoring	RTCR
ROLLING GREEN UTILITIES,			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
INC.	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
SAN LUCAS COUNTY WATER			
DISTRICT	MCL	MCL	NITRATE
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
SAN PASO TRUCK STOP	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
SILVERFORK MUTUAL WATER	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT		Treatment	
CENTER	TT	Technique	SWTR
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT		Source	CCR §64554 – SRC
CENTER		Capacity	CAPACITY
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
SUCCESS MARKET	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
SUNSET DRIVE-IN SNACK BAR	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
TAMARACK LODGE	MON	Monitoring	RTCR
VENTURA COASTAL, LLC -			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
TIPTON DIVISION	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
VENTURA COASTAL, LLC -			FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
VISALIA DIVISION	RPT	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
TOTAL Violations	51		

# **Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program**

The following laboratory accreditations were issued by ELAP between June 1 and June 30, 2023.

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED				
	May 16 – June 15	January 1 - June 15, 2023		
New Accreditations	1	6		
Renewed Accreditations	19	116		

Reciprocity Accreditations	2	43
Amended Accreditations	15	70
Total	36	235

#### **ELAP Implements Changes to the Clean Water Act Methods**

ELAP recently published new Field of Accreditation Tables which now list the new methods identified in 40 CFR 136.3, which laboratories may apply for with an amendment application. This implementation was developed based on feedback and input from the laboratory community in 2022, and ELAP offers a discounted application for laboratories meeting certain conditions.

#### ELAPCon 2023

ELAP held its third annual virtual conference May 31 – June 1. Over 500 people registered for the event. The theme was "Ready to Launch" in anticipation of TNI requirements in ELAP regulations that will take effect January 2024.

#### **DDW & DWQ PFAS Strategy Team**

ELAP continues to support laboratories in transitioning to new regulatory requirements through a compliance assistance initiative, the Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation, including one-on-one Transition Appointments with individual laboratories to answer questions and help them create a plan. Laboratories may request an appointment by emailing ELAP's general email inbox.

#### **DDW-SAFER**

#### The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for June 2023 (on 6/15/2023)

Summary Results				
HR2W Systems	397	Removed HR2W Systems	2	

### Water Systems Removed from the HR2W List in June 2023

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status	County	Population	
		Change			
2100519	ESTERO	05/25/2023	MARIN	206	
2100519	MUTUAL	03/23/2023	IVIAININ	200	
	MUSTANG				
4000775	SPRINGS	05/18/2023	SAN LUIS	30	
4000773	MUTUAL	03/10/2023	OBISPO	30	
	WATER				

## Water Systems Added to the HR2W List in June 2023

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status	County	Population
		Change		
	ORLEANS			
1200566	MUTUAL	06/1/2023	HUMBOLDT	85
	WATER CO.			
	MISSION			
4900563	HIGHLANDS	06/1/2023	SONOMA	150
4900303	MUTUAL	00/1/2023	OONOWA	150
	WATER CO.			
5500116	PEPPERMINT	06/1/2023	TUOLUMNE	280
3300110	CREEK MHP	00/1/2023	TOOLOWINE	200

# **SAFER Engagement Units**

SAFER Staff held the Draft Administrator Policy Handbook Workshop on June 14, 2023. The workshop covered the proposed changes to the handbook and allowed for the public to ask questions and comment. The workshop had approximately 50 attendees. The comment period closes July 14, 2023.

## **Completed Consolidations**

The following water system consolidations were completed during June 2023.

Name	Type	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
WEATHERFORD U.S., L.P.	NTNC	50	2	Consolidated with CWS- Bakersfield, self-funded
LINCOLNWOOD MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	С	206		Consolidated with City of Santa Barbara. Consolidated in December 2022, entered in SDWIS in June 2023.
MABLE AVE BAPTIST CHURCH	NC		1	Consolidated with City of Modesto. Consolidated in September 2022, entered in SDWIS in May 2023

#### **Upcoming Regulations**

**Direct Potable Reuse Regulations:** DDW staff is preparing the DPR regulatory package necessary to initiate the rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). DDW staff will notify and brief the board members prior to submittal of the regulatory package to the Office of Administrative Law to initiate the formal rulemaking process. The APA requires a minimum 45-day public comment period for the proposed DPR regulations. DDW staff anticipates that the notice of regulatory action will be published by the Office of Administrative Law in the California Regulatory Notice Register in the July 2023 time frame, which initiates the 45-day public comment period and starts the one-year clock to complete rulemaking. DDW staff plans to hold an APA public hearing at a board workshop date in the September 2023 time frame. DDW staff anticipates board adoption of the DPR regulations in December 2023 to meet the deadline established by the legislature in AB 574 (Water Code, Division 7, Chapter 7.3) and commitment by the State Water Board in the governor's 2022 California's Water Supply Strategy.

**Hexavalent Chromium MCL Regulations:** Division of Drinking Water (DDW) staff submitted the chromium (hexavalent) MCL rulemaking documents to the Office of Administrative Law and they were published on 16 June 2023. A public hearing in August 2023 is anticipated.

#### **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 stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2023-24 fees: June 12 – Water Quality and Water Rights and June 13 – Drinking Water and ELAP. Staff will hold the following final stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2023-24 fees: August 3 – Water Quality and Water Rights and August 4 – Drinking Water and ELAP.

#### OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

#### **Public Notices**

None.

#### **Press Releases**

The City of San Diego agreed to pay \$4.6 million and make necessary repairs and improvements to its sanitary sewer system as part of a <u>settlement agreement</u> with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The City discharged more than 11 million gallons of untreated wastewater into the Sweetwater River during a storm event from April 10-11, 2020. The settlement includes \$3.7 million to be directed to two environmental projects benefitting disadvantaged communities in close proximity to the spill.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Fortuna City/ Fortuna	<ul> <li>Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for:</li> <li>2 exceedances of the single sample effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the monthly median effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for ammonia</li> <li>Exceedance of the AMEL for nitrate</li> </ul>	\$15,000	5/8/2023
1	Samoa Pacific Group LLC/ Samoa	<ul> <li>MMPs for:</li> <li>Exceedance of AMEL for total suspended solids (TSS)</li> <li>Late 2020 annual report was due on 3/1/2020, and was submitted 414 days late on 4/19/2022</li> <li>Late Q1 2021 quarterly SMR was due 5/01/2021 and was submitted 353 days late on 4/20/2022</li> <li>Q2 2021 SMR was due on 8/01/2021 and was submitted 262 days late on 4/20/2022MMPs for:</li> <li>Q3 2021 SMR was due on 11/01/2021 and was submitted 170 days late on 4/20/2022</li> <li>Q4 2021 SMR was due on 2/01/2022 and was submitted 78 days late on 4/20/2022</li> <li>2021 annual report was due 3/01/2022 and was submitted 49 days late on 4/20/2022</li> </ul>	\$123,000	5/8/2023

# ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Rio Dell City/ Rio Dell	<ul> <li>Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for:</li> <li>5 exceedances of the AWEL for dibromochloromethane</li> <li>4 exceedances of the AMEL for dichlorobromomethane</li> <li>2 exceedances of the AMEL for haloacetic acids</li> </ul>	\$33,000 (MMP – all to Compliance Project (CP))	5/15/2023

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
2	North San Mateo County Sanitation District/ Daly City	<ul> <li>MMPs for:</li> <li>12 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for TSS</li> <li>6 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS</li> <li>3 failures to meet minimum average monthly percent removal for TSS</li> <li>31 exceedances of the AWEL for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD)</li> <li>12 exceedances of the AMEL for CBOD</li> <li>5 failures to meet minimum average monthly percent removal for CBOD</li> <li>Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine</li> </ul>	\$210,000 (\$112,500 to SEP and \$97,500 to the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA))	5/2/2023
3	Ca Dept of Corrections San Luis Obispo/ San Luis Obispo	<ul> <li>MMPs for:</li> <li>3 exceedances of the 7-sample median for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the not to exceed limit more than once in 30-day period effluent limit for total coliform</li> <li>Exceedance of the AMEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate</li> <li>Exceedance of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate</li> <li>5 exceedances of the MDEL for total nitrogen</li> </ul>	\$33,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	5/1/2023
3	CDM-Whittaker/ Hollister	MMP for exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for copper	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	5/15/2023
7	Valley Sanitary District/ Indio	MMPs for 2 exceedances of the AMEL for cyanide	\$6,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	5/23/2023

## **13260 Orders**

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
3	Templeton Community Service District/ Templeton	Staff determined the discharges of domestic wastewater to land from the Meadowbrook Wastewater Treatment Plant are more appropriately regulated by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board <i>General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2020-0020 for Discharges from Domestic Wastewater Systems with Flows Greater than 100,000 Gallons per day.</i> Requires the submittal of a Notice of Intent.	5/2/2023

**Investigative Orders** 

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Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
58	Elm Dry Cleaners/ Auburn	Directive to submit a Site Assessment Work Plan for the Elm Dry Cleaners located at 365 Elm Avenue in Auburn	5/5/2023
58	Pirthipal Singh Dhillon and Ragbir Kaur Dhillon/ Antioch	Directive to submit a Site Assessment Work Plan for the Walter Hansen Trust located at 1809 A Street in Antioch.	5/24/2023
8	Multiple 13383 Orders:  1. Howmet Global Fastening Systems Inc in Fullerton (College Blvd)  2. Howmet Global Fastening Systems Inc in Fullerton (Placentia Ave)  3. Hyatt Die Casting in Cypress  4. International Paper Buena Park  5. Kingspan Light and Air  6. SPX Cooling Tech LLC  7. Toyota Racing Development USA Inc	Requirement to submit a Water Quality Based Corrective Action report for exceedances of NELs in the 2020-2021 and/or 2021-2022 Reporting Years	5/1/2023 and 5/3/2023

Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10(c) Orders

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Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
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**Cleanup and Abatement Orders** 

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
1	Baldwin, Justin and Mia and Humboldt Spirit Inc./ Garberville	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R1-2023-0042 requires the Dischargers to clean up and abate the effects of improper construction and maintenance of roads and stream crossings and cleared and/or graded locations for cannabis cultivation; and the improper or inadequate containment, disposal, and/or storage of cultivation-related materials, wastes, and human waste where it may impact Sproul Creek.	5/26/2023

Other Enforcement Actions Taken

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	8	5S	51
2	2	6T	1
3	3	6V	4
4	60	7	4
5F	15	8	31
5R	8	9	6
		SWB	1

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

#### **Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP)**

The SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program held its 6th San Diego Region Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, June 2nd for the Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment Process. The meeting was held in-person and was graciously hosted by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. The Honorable Victor E. Woods, Vice Chairman for the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, opened the meeting and State Water Board Chair Esquivel welcomed the attendees and gave a short reflection on the importance of this work in "connecting the drops" in our watersheds and making connections between water quality, water quantity, community and tribal consumption and subsistence, and public health. During the meeting, the Advisory Committee discussed and approved the publication of the Communication and Outreach Plan for the San Diego Region, reflected on the work and accomplishments of the past two years of a three-year process, and began discussing how we would like to move forward in partnership outside of the formal Realignment process, starting in 2024. The San Diego Region Advisory Committee will meet one more time in 2023.

The SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program has also partnered with San Francisco Regional Board staff to prepare for the start of the Realignment Process in the San Francisco Region, which will take place from 2024 – 2026. If California Native American Tribes in the San Francisco Region are interested in engaging in this process, they can complete this brief <a href="Tribal Engagement Interest Form">Tribal Engagement Interest Form</a> to indicate their interest and schedule a meeting with Program staff to learn more.

### OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

#### **Water Conservation**

The response rate for the **April 2023** Urban Water Conservation Report is 77% as of the writing of this report (318 reports submitted). Of the submitted reports, 6 were preliminary "short" reports and 312 were full reports. The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 122 billion gallons, and the statewide R-GPCD is 68 GPCD.

We received 371 water waste reports through the <u>Save Water</u> site.

On May 26, 2023, the State Water Board readopted the <u>emergency regulation to ban decorative grass watering</u> which took effect on June 5, 2023, upon completion of Office of Administrative Law process. It will remain in effect for one year from the effective date, unless the State Water Board modifies it, readopts it, or ends it before then.

#### OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

# Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of June 14, 2023)

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-2825</u>	Petition of Los Angeles Waterkeeper for Review of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2023- 0033 for the City of Los Angeles Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	3/24/2023	6/22/2023
<u>A-2782</u>	Petition of Liberty Property Limited Partnership for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R4-2021- 0141 Issued by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	Activated 3/29/2023	6/27/2023

#### OFFICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Office of Public Participation (OPP) 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.

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

OPP's 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.

**SAFER Advisory Group** Hosted SAFER Advisory Group meeting #2 on May 24, 2023, to discuss the SAFER 2023 Needs Assessment results, draft funding process for operations and maintenance, draft priorities for the Fund Expenditure Plan, SAFER website revamp, updates on the SAFER Program, Advisory Group member announcements, and to receive public comment. The next SAFER Advisory Group meeting will take place in August 2023 in person, in Sacramento.

**Drinking water public meetings** Fuller Acres and Athal Mutual Water Company Consolidation with Lamont Public Utilities District: OPP staff are planning the next statutorily required public meeting, which will take place on June 27, 2023. This public meeting will be the second mandatory consolidation public meeting and will provide an update on the Administrator, Stantec. The last public meeting, which happened on March 15, 2023, had over 50 participants in-person, had live Spanish interpretation, and was held in person only due to the community's needs.

Big Basin Water Company Public Outreach: OPP is supporting DDW in planning a hybrid public meeting for the community served by Big Basin Water Company. Meeting topics will include the process of receivership, drinking water challenges, and sanitation updates for Fallen Leaf residents. The meeting will take place on July 13, 2023, in Ben Lomond.

#### **SAFER Enhanced Outreach and Engagement (Funding Partner Initiative)**

The Water Boards executed a master funding agreement with Stantec who will serve as a funding partner to expand outreach and engagement activities within the SAFER program. Stantec will work with OPP and DDW in select communities and will help identify and fund local groups to do enhanced outreach and engagement on local drinking water solutions. Through this partnership, we aim to expand engagement with hard-to-reach rural, domestic well communities by working with, and funding, trusted local leaders.

**Public Participation** OPP's Public Participation program promotes inclusive, equitable, and transparent public engagement in Water Boards decision-making processes for all Californians, and especially for environmental justice communities.

Salton Sea Management Program Annual Workshop OPP worked with the Division of Water Rights to co-led the planning and execution of a two-day hybrid board meeting in May 2023, centered on updates to the California Natural Resources Agency's Salton Sea Management Program. OPP and Water Rights convened panelists and presenters on several topics. Participation options included in-person, virtual, and remote viewing meeting options. The meeting offered live interpretation in Spanish and all meeting materials were translated into Spanish. The workshop was well-attended, and both English and Spanish recordings were posted online the day after the workshop for those who could not attend. Leading up to the workshop, OPP and Water Rights to develop a Spanish version of the Salton Sea webpage.

**Bay-Delta Plan Updates**: The Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan is being updated and implemented. OPP assisted the Bay-Delta Water Rights team with planning and executing three listening sessions – two environmental justice-focused sections open to the public and two tribal-focused meeting open only to tribal members and representatives.

Racial Equity Data Task Force: OPP are co-leading the Racial Equity Data Task Force with the Office of Information Management and Analysis. The Racial Equity Data Task Force seeks to operationalize and standardize all relevant data sources that will aid Water Boards staff in implementing the Racial Equity Action Plan, AB 2108, and other legislation requiring staff to look at impacts on disadvantaged, and Black, Indigenous communities and other communities of color. The Racial Equity Data Task Force is working on creating a platform to house this work through Esri's Experience Builder product. The project is still in development and will be made public once finalized.

#### Language Access

OPP's 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 2023, OPP has provided 19 interpretation services for events, such as board meetings, scrap metal permit certified persons training, public meetings, and conversations between staff and members of the public. All interpretation services this quarter were provided in Spanish.

**Written Translation of Documents** Between April and June 2023, OPP has provided 104 translations for documents such as slide decks, public notices, fact sheets, meeting flyers, email announcements, web content, executive summaries, guidance documents, training materials, meeting materials, and social media text. Translation services were provided in five languages, as requested: Spanish, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Tagalog.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

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

**Executed Tribal Funding Agreement** On June 13, the State Water Board executed a funding agreement with the Utu Utu Gwaite Paiute Tribe focused on supporting operations and maintenance of its water system. The Utu Utu Gwaite Paiute Tribe's water system is suffering from arsenic contamination, requiring tribal households to use point-of-use/point-of-entry filters to treat for arsenic. Indian Health Services is currently funding the planning and constructing of a new well, a treatment facility (if needed), and a distribution system for the Tribe. While that long-term solution is being developed, the State Water Board will fund three years of tools and parts for the point-of-use devices, four years of partial water operator salary, and certification costs for the water operator. When the new water system, funded by IHS, is complete, the Tribe will have a certified water operator to manage it. This project illustrates how SAFER funding can help fill the federal funding gap for operations and maintenance.

CalTHPO-SHPO Summit The California Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and State Historic Preservation Officers Summit brings together California's Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, tribal leaders, tribal citizens, and cultural preservation staff with the California State Historic Preservation Officer and Office of Historic Preservation to facilitate discussion and sharing. The theme of this year's May summit was *Protecting Tribal Knowledge* and included presentations and discussions around tribal data governance and sovereignty, repatriation, and Section 106 of the national Historic Preservation Act. The Tribal Liaison and the San Diego Regional Water Board Tribal Coordinator presented on a panel regarding the Tribal Beneficial Uses. This summit provided a unique opportunity for state agencies to hear from tribal historical and cultural officers and to share information about Water Boards opportunities.

#### IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

#### **June 2023**

#### Appendix A

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of May 2023; and the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards from April 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023. Next month's report will present activities of the Central Valley Water Board's recent program activities and up to date data on compliance and outreach activities.

**State Water Board** staff met several times with the California Agriculture Partnership Forum, which includes members from the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the US Environmental Protection Agency, to identify key source water protection areas in the state of California. The group also continues its work to identify potential waterbodies for National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) funding.

State Board staff continues coordinating with Crowe LLP, an environmental consulting firm contracted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), to conduct interviews with agriculture stakeholders. Crowe is conducting a regulatory alignment study to evaluate state regulatory requirements and identify areas for streamlining. A final report will be released by 2025.

North Coast Regional Water Board's staff met with members of the Watershed Stewardship Team to update them on implementation of the Smith River Plain Water Quality Management Plan (SRPWQMP). The Stewardship Team is a group of stakeholders and technical advisors assembled at the request of the Regional Board to address water quality issues associated with lily bulb cultivation in the Smith River Plain. The SRPWQMP sets up voluntary program for implementation of BMPs, monitoring and reporting and is adaptively managed by the Stewardship Team. Regional Board staff presented recent sampling results, provided a summary of inspections and BMPs recently implemented, and provided a rough timeline to develop a permit for discharges associated with lily bulb cultivation in the Smith River Plain. The permit is scheduled for development starting in 2024.

The draft Vineyard Order and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are scheduled to be released for public comment at the end of June. The public workshop will take place at the August 2023 Board meeting, with a projected Board adoption hearing in December 2023.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board's Fee Collection Group invoicing is complete and all information is entered into CIWQS. Regional Board staff will be reaching out to fee collection groups to discuss lessons learned during this invoicing cycle. Regional Board staff will be focusing on cleaning up invoicing information in CIWQS and outreach to prepare enrollees for the minor modifications to the Annual Reports due in the fall.

Los Angeles Regional Water Board released an Administrative Draft of the General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Discharges from Irrigated Lands in the Los Angeles Region (Administrative Draft) for public review on April 14, 2023. The public comment period on the Administrative Draft ended on May 15, 2023. Staff received 3 comment letters. Comments will not be responded to in writing but will be taken into consideration when developing the Tentative General WDRs that will be released July 2023 for formal public review and comment.

On April 17, 2023, staff held a staff-level workshop in Ventura County to discuss the county's specific requirements in the Administrative Draft. On May 1, 2023, staff hosted a staff level workshop in Los Angeles County to discuss Los Angeles County's specific requirements in the Administrative Draft. On April 27, 2023, staff hosted a Board Workshop to discuss the Administrative Draft at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Staff also met with the discharger groups and environmental groups to discuss the Administrative Draft requirements and potential changes to be considered when developing the Tentative General WDRs.

**San Diego Regional Water Board** held an agricultural workshop during the May 10, 2023, Board meeting to answer questions the Board members had during the September 2022 Board meeting. Staff invited growers, Tribal nations, and over 40 government and non-government organizations to the workshop. Staff will summarize the comments heard during the meeting in a future Executive Officer's report.

San Diego Water Board staff held multiple stakeholder meetings throughout the months of April and May with external agencies to discuss the renewal of the San Diego Water Board's General Agricultural Orders. Staff met with Mikhail Ogawa Engineering, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and Orange County Coastkeeper.

Staff continue inspecting agricultural operations to assess compliance with the General Agricultural Orders. Staff is conducting joint inspections of agricultural operations with San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures staff and, when feasible, other local jurisdictions.

There were no significant program updates reported in the **Central Coast**, **Lahontan**, **Colorado River Basin**, and **Santa Ana Regions** from April 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023.