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## State Water Resources Control Board

# Notice of Public Comment Period Identification of a Potential Administrator for Teviston Community Services District

### PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has identified Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) as a potential administrator to the Teviston Community Services District (Teviston CSD).

An administrator is a person or entity that is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system in order to provide an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water.

Prior to the selection of an administrator, the State Water Board shall provide an opportunity to submit comments for at least 30 days after this notice. The public can submit questions and comments regarding the identification of Stantec as the potential administrator for Teviston CSD through **Monday, January 9, 2023**.

### HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS – DEADLINE JANUARY 9, 2023

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### BACKGROUND

On July 16, 2021, the State Water Board took the first step in designating Teviston CSD as a water system in need of an administrator because it has not consistently provided an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water to their customers. Teviston CSD was issued a compliance order for exceeding the 1,2,3-trichloropropane maximum contaminant level in 2018. Additionally, Teviston CSD struggles with the technical, managerial, and financial capacity to adequately run a public water system.

A public meeting was held on November 3, 2021 to provide information to the public on the current status of drinking water in Teviston CSD and the purpose and role of an administrator. The State Water Board proposed appointing an administrator to Teviston CSD to manage the water system. All actions taken by an administrator are required to be in the best interest of the community served by the water system and include the following:

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- Developing access to an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water; and
- Holding public meetings at least every three months.

Any ratepayer, renter, or property owner who receives water from a designated water system can submit a petition to the State Water Board to reverse or modify an administrator decision or to replace an administrator. A description of this process and the administrator authority is contained in Health and Safety Code Section 116686 and in the State Water Board's Administrator Policy Handbook (Sept. 2019) at [https://bit.ly/SAFER\\_Administrator\\_Handbook](https://bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator_Handbook).

## **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR**

### **NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR**

The Stantec team has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator for Teviston CSD. Their qualifications include:

- Multidisciplinary team of experts in community engagement, water resources planning, financing, groundwater management, drinking water treatment, and well design and construction.
- Specialized experience working with economically distressed communities to address water resources challenges.
- Understanding of the unique water resources challenges experienced by communities in the Eastern San Joaquin Valley.
- Dedication to implementing an inclusive planning process that ensures communities have a voice while meeting the goals of the State Water Board and Teviston CSD.

Please see the attached document for additional information regarding Stantec's qualifications.

### **SCOPE OF APPOINTMENT & SERVICES PROVIDED**

This administrator will be a Full-Scope Administrator as defined in the Administrator Policy Handbook available online at [bit.ly/SAFER\\_Administrator\\_Handbook](https://bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator_Handbook).

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

To date, no conflict of interest has been found by the State Water Board or reported by Stantec. If at any time a proposed action would create a conflict of interest, an administrator is required to provide written notice to the State Water Board in addition to all ratepayers, renters and property owners, who receive water service from the designated water system 30 days prior to taking the action.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

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State Water Board Administrator website: [bit.ly/DDW\\_AdminWebsite](https://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite)

# Administrator Qualifications



Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) will work closely with Teviston Community Services District (Teviston CSD) to assess the water system's technical, managerial, and financial capacity. Stantec will identify, evaluate, and implement short- and long-term solutions to secure safe, reliable drinking water for the community served by Teviston CSD. Stantec is dedicated to implementing an inclusive planning process that meets the goals of the State Water Board and Teviston CSD while ensuring community members have a voice.

## Administrator Lead

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### Emily Finnegan

Emily brings 7 years of experience facilitating collaborative planning and community engagement processes for water resources projects. She has worked extensively with public agencies and community-based organizations in the San Joaquin Valley, primarily helping agencies engage stakeholders and community members in the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

## Technical Lead

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### Tom Butler, PG, CHg, CEg

Tom brings more than 20 years of experience in groundwater quality and geochemistry evaluations, and well design and construction projects in California.

## Additional Support

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### Mike Antos, PhD

### Tori Klug, PE

Depending on the solutions identified for Teviston CSD, Stantec may consult their extended team of experts in facilitation, water treatment, conveyance, water system financing, and planning.

For more information, please visit [www.stantec.com](http://www.stantec.com).