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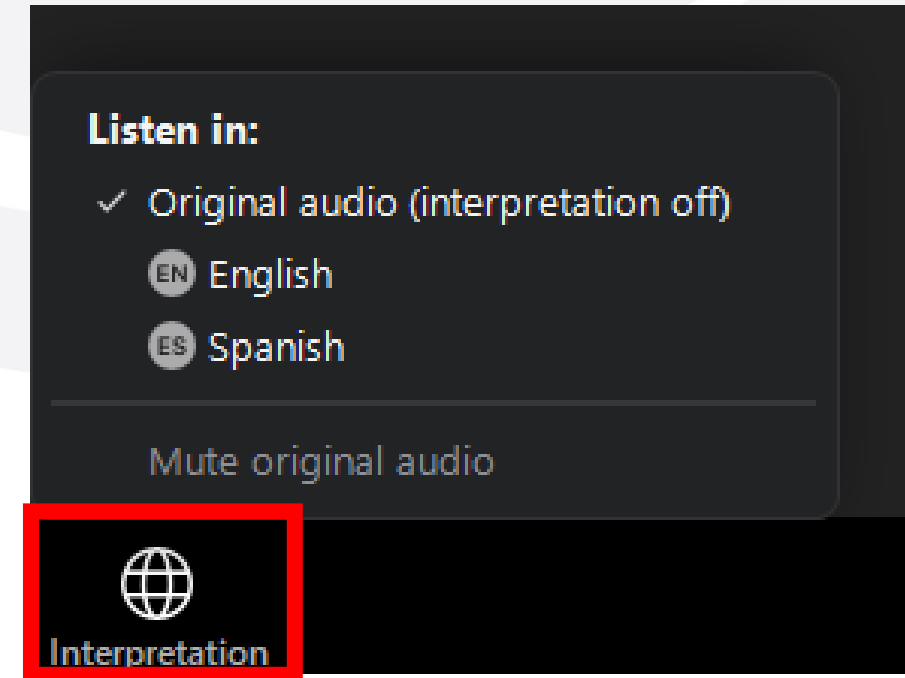
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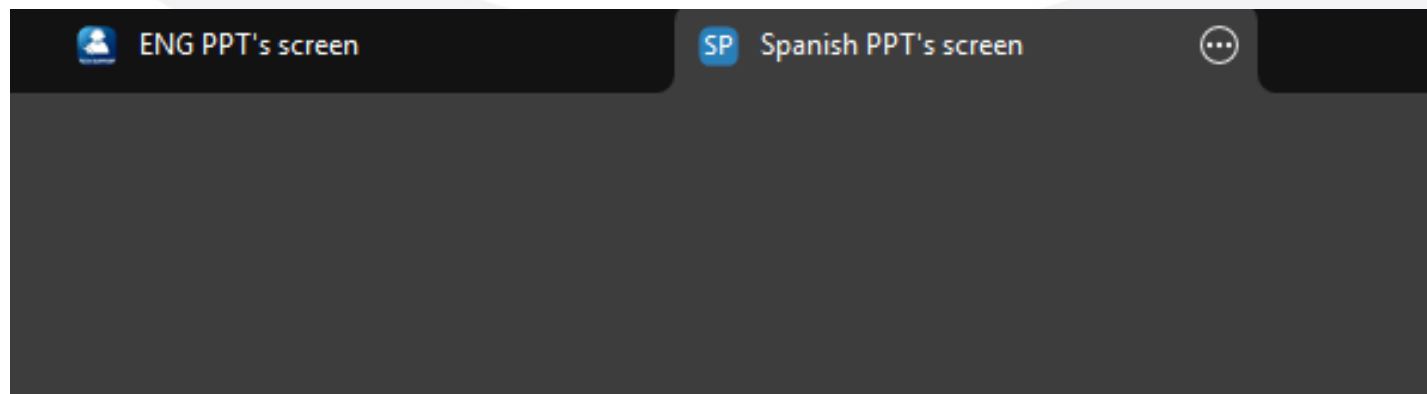
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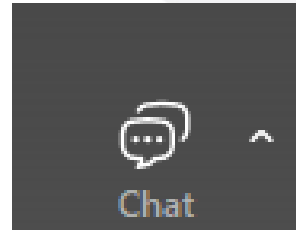
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# Agenda Overview

- I. Domestic Wells Discussion
  - a. Panel of Domestic Well Programs
- II. SAFER Program Goals: Quarterly Updates on Metrics
- III. Advisory Group Member Announcements
- IV. Public Comments

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## Water Boards' Mission

*Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.*

# Introductions

**Alma López**

Office of Public Engagement,  
Equity, and Tribal Affairs



# SAFER Advisory Group Introductions

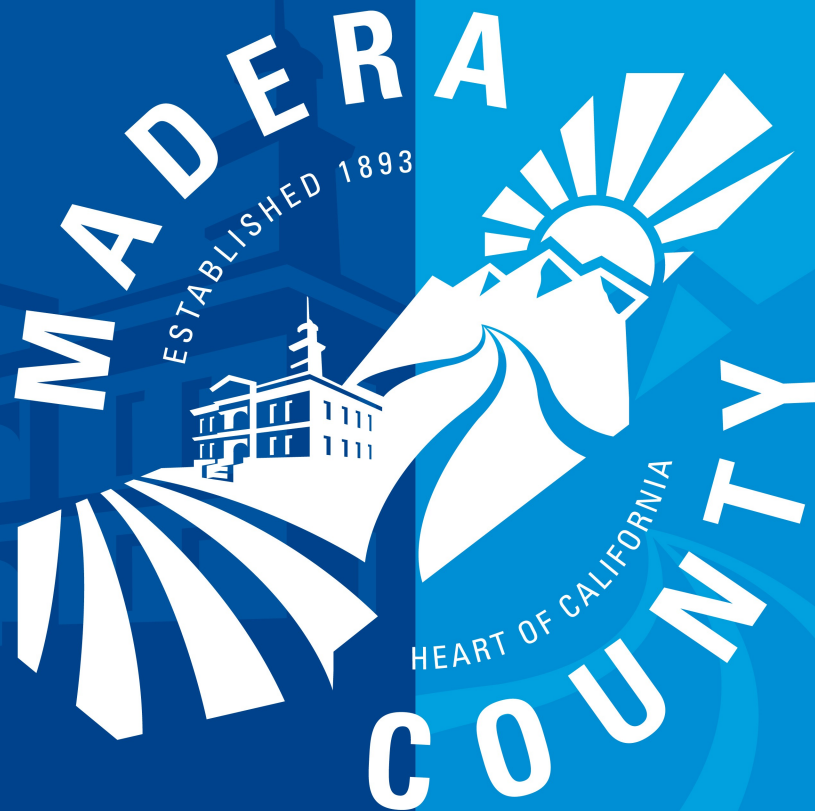
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- Briefly describe the community you represent to amplify their voices and help us understand the unique challenges and strengths of your community.



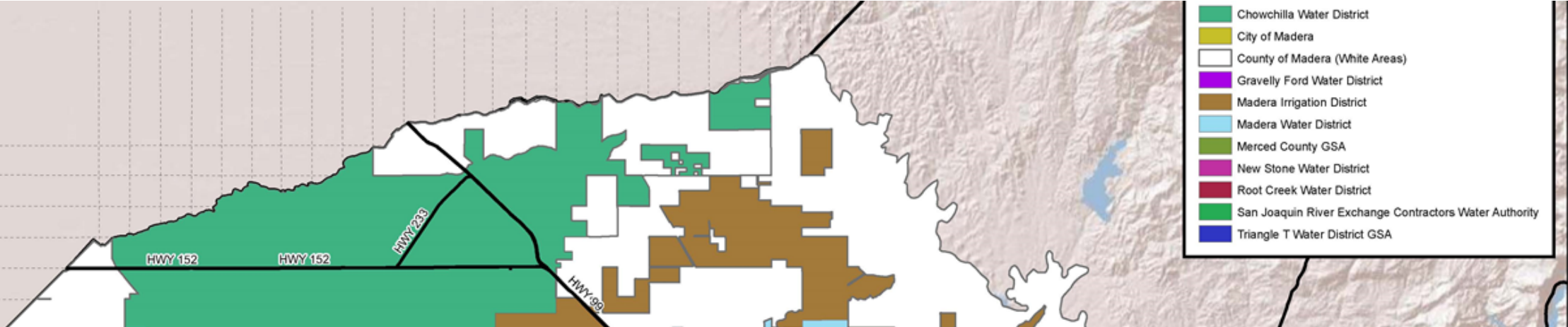
# Domestic Wells: Panel of Domestic Wells Programs

SAFER Advisory Group  
Members



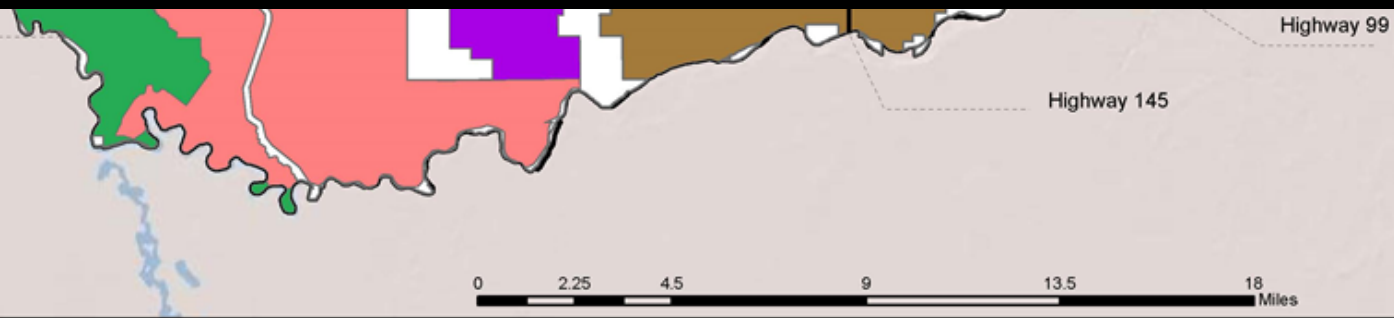


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Avenue 25  
Avenue 24  
Highway 152  
Avenue 22



# Madera County Subbasins and GSAs

Avenue 5



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# Chowchilla Subbasin

**Status:** Up and running since January 2023

**Administrator:** Chowchilla Water District (CWD) GSA

**Funding:** Each GSA funds a portion of the program (share is based on contribution to overdraft)

## Rules:

- Up to \$30K/well; eligible mitigation in excess is reviewed on a case-by-case basis
- Interim services funded: bottled water, tank service
- Water quality testing and replacement funded with Chowchilla Nitrate Program
- Retroactive to 2020

## Wells Mitigated / Awarded:

**Process:** Well mitigation for domestic wells and shallow wells that supply drinking water will be determined and potentially provided through steps described below:

- Prior to submission, applicant shall complete an initial well assessment;
- Application submittal to CWD with one time fee of \$100;
- Temporary mitigation, following business day;
- Review and eligibility assessment by CWD staff;
- Application determination for long-term solution, one-time fee and well replacement costs reimbursed if mitigation is awarded



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# Delta-Mendota Subbasin

**Status:** Drafted

**Administrator:** Each GSA administers within its own boundaries

- Single Point of contact will be established to work with Valley Water Collaborative

**Funding:** Each GSA funds domestic wells (and may fund shallow ag wells) replacement within its own boundaries

- Madera County GSA-Delta-Mendota, does not have a funding source
- Currently, no domestic wells located in Madera County GSA- Delta-Mendota

**Rules:** Owners of all types of wells can apply

- Subject to GSA analysis
- Wells installed after 2024 GSP adoption, with shallower depth than minimum threshold levels, do not qualify

**Process:** Each GSA will conduct outreach to notify landowners of how and where to file application for assistance

- GSA preliminary review of landowner's application
- Short-term water supply provided within 2 business days
- GSA well assessment
- If eligible, determine a long-term solution



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# Madera Subbasin

**Status:** Drafted (?) and funded (Prop 218 for County GSA had an injunction in place for three years, which was recently lifted); other 6 GSAs have funding in place already

**Administrator:** Program Manager will be selected by participating GSAs

**Funding:** 4 GSA fund for most of basin; the remaining 3 GSAs funds within their GSA boundaries

**Rules:** Owners of Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems are eligible to apply for well mitigation under the program; however, relief is not guaranteed and is subject to review

**Wells Mitigated:** 0

**Process:** Well mitigation for individual domestic wells and/or State Small Water System wells will be determined and potentially provided through steps described below

- Application with minimal deposit
- Review to see if qualified (all domestic wells)
- Inspection to ascertain why well went dry – only damage caused by dropping water levels will be mitigated
- Program will fund a well only (not pump, not interim solution)
- Program can be used once (recorded on deed)



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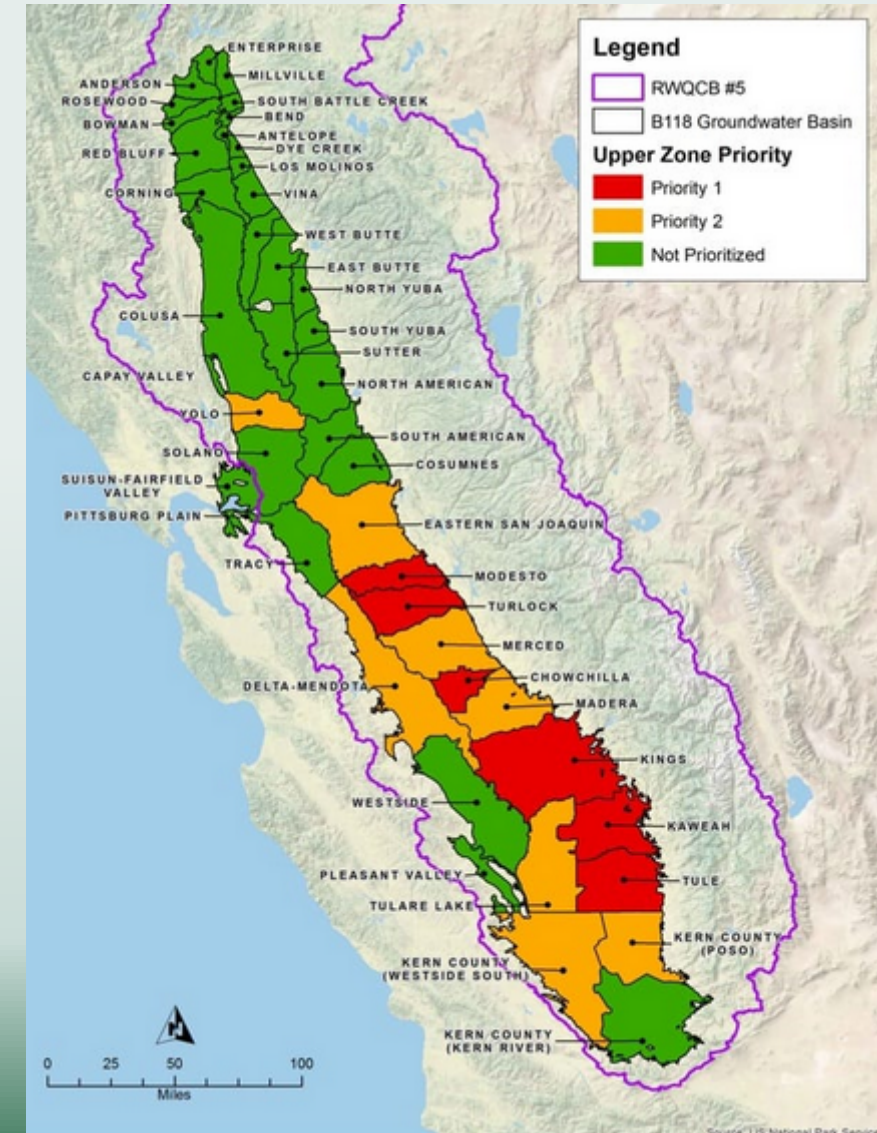
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# VWC Domestic Well Sampling and Replacement Water Overview

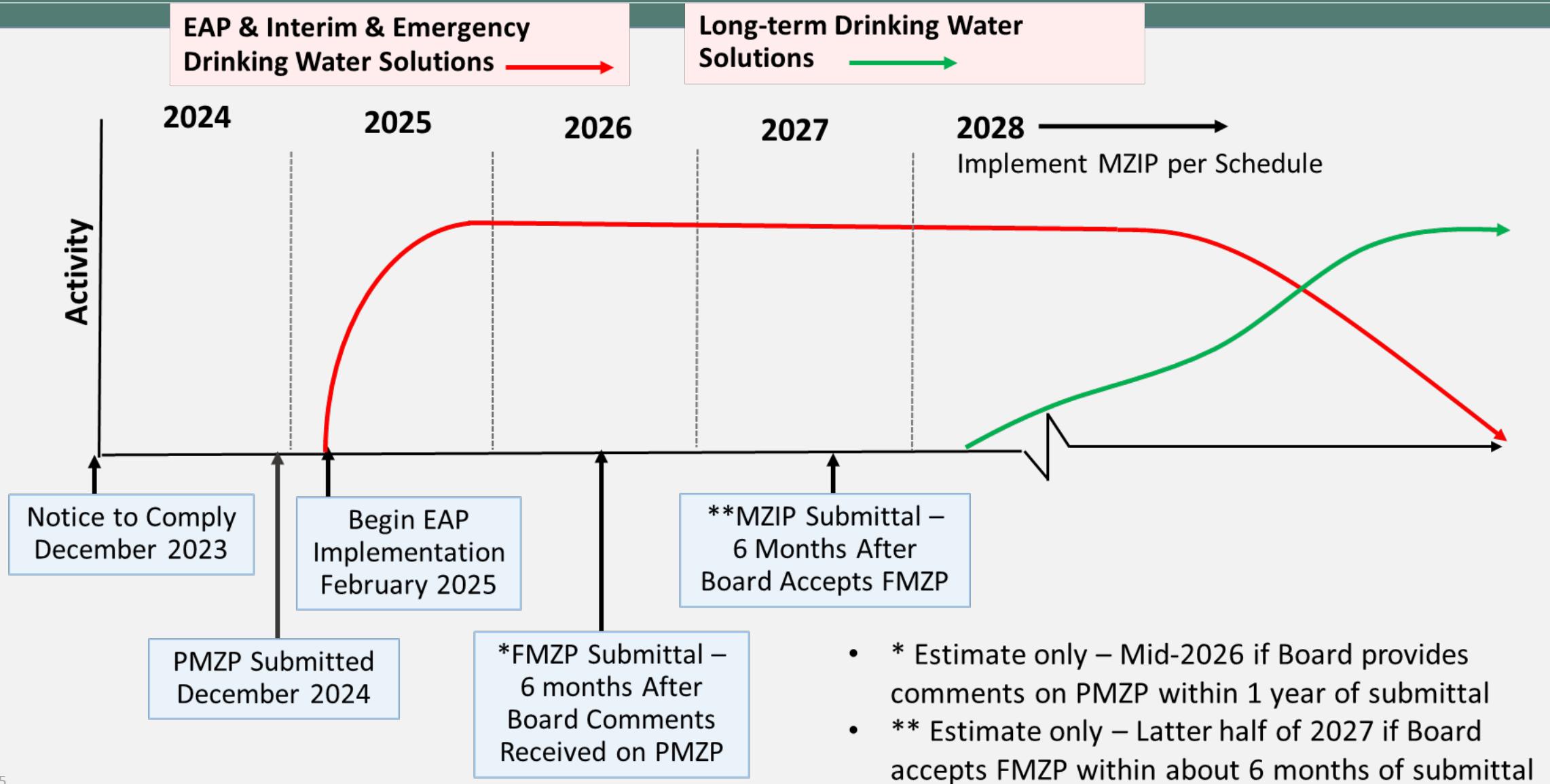


# WHAT IS THE NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM (NCP)?

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Regulation to address nitrate in groundwater; adopted 2019
- *3 Program Goals:*
  - Provide safe drinking water when nitrate exceeds drinking water standard
  - Reduce nitrate impacts to water supplies
  - Restore groundwater quality, where reasonable, feasible and practicable
- *Two compliance options*
  - Management Zone approach to implement NCP
  - Individual permit approach



# PURPOSE OF EARLY ACTION PLAN (EAP) WITHIN CONTEXT OF OVERALL NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM



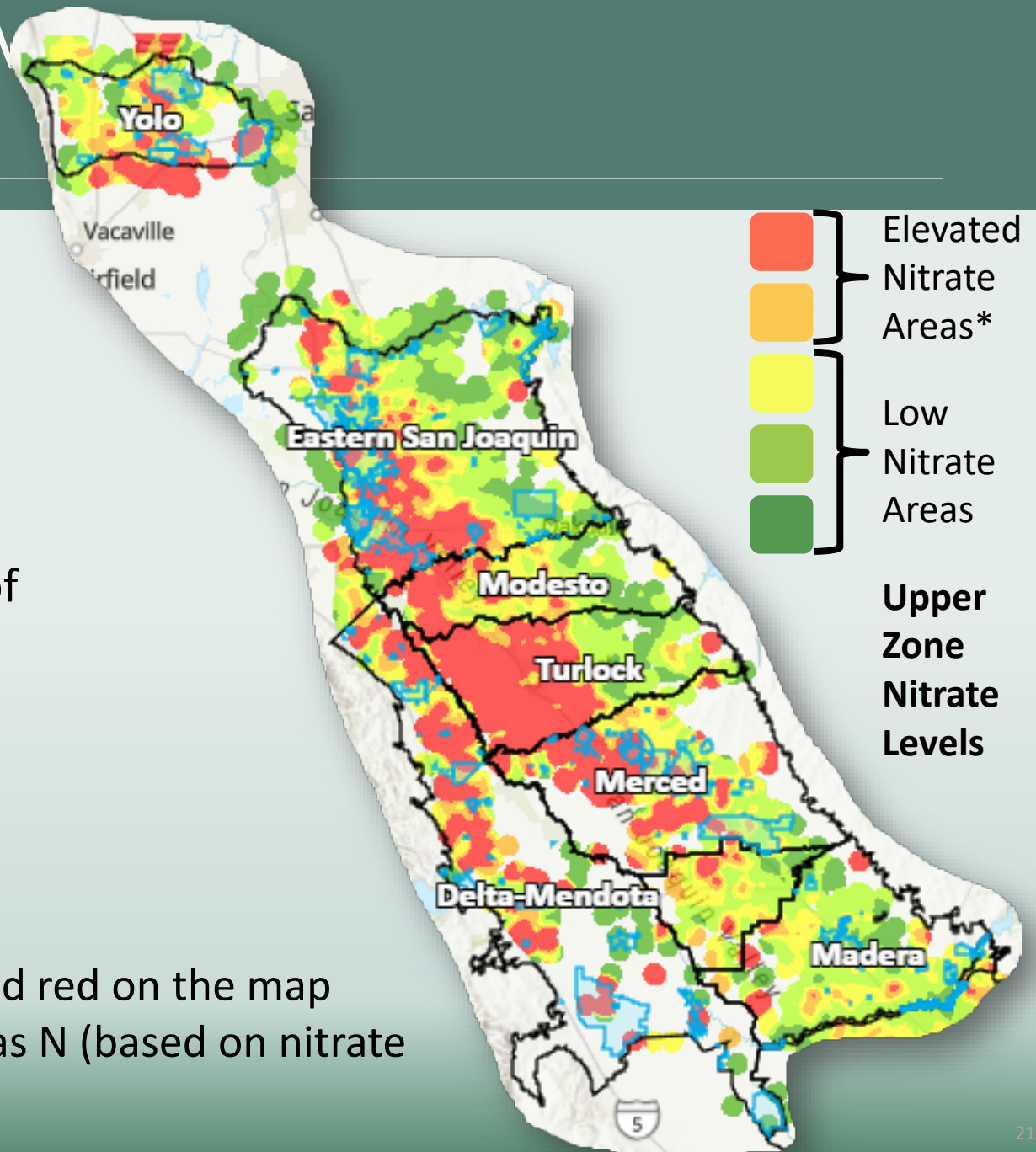
# VALLEY WATER COLLABORATIVE

## WHERE IS GROUNDWATER IMPACTED BY NITRATE?

### We are a non-profit organization...

- Formed to implement Management Zone approach to address nitrate contamination of groundwater drinking water supplies
- Founded in July 2020
- Modesto administrative office

\* “Elevated Nitrate Areas” are areas in orange and red on the map where nitrate levels are estimated  $> 7.5$  mg/L as N (based on nitrate maximum contaminant level of 10 mg/L as N)

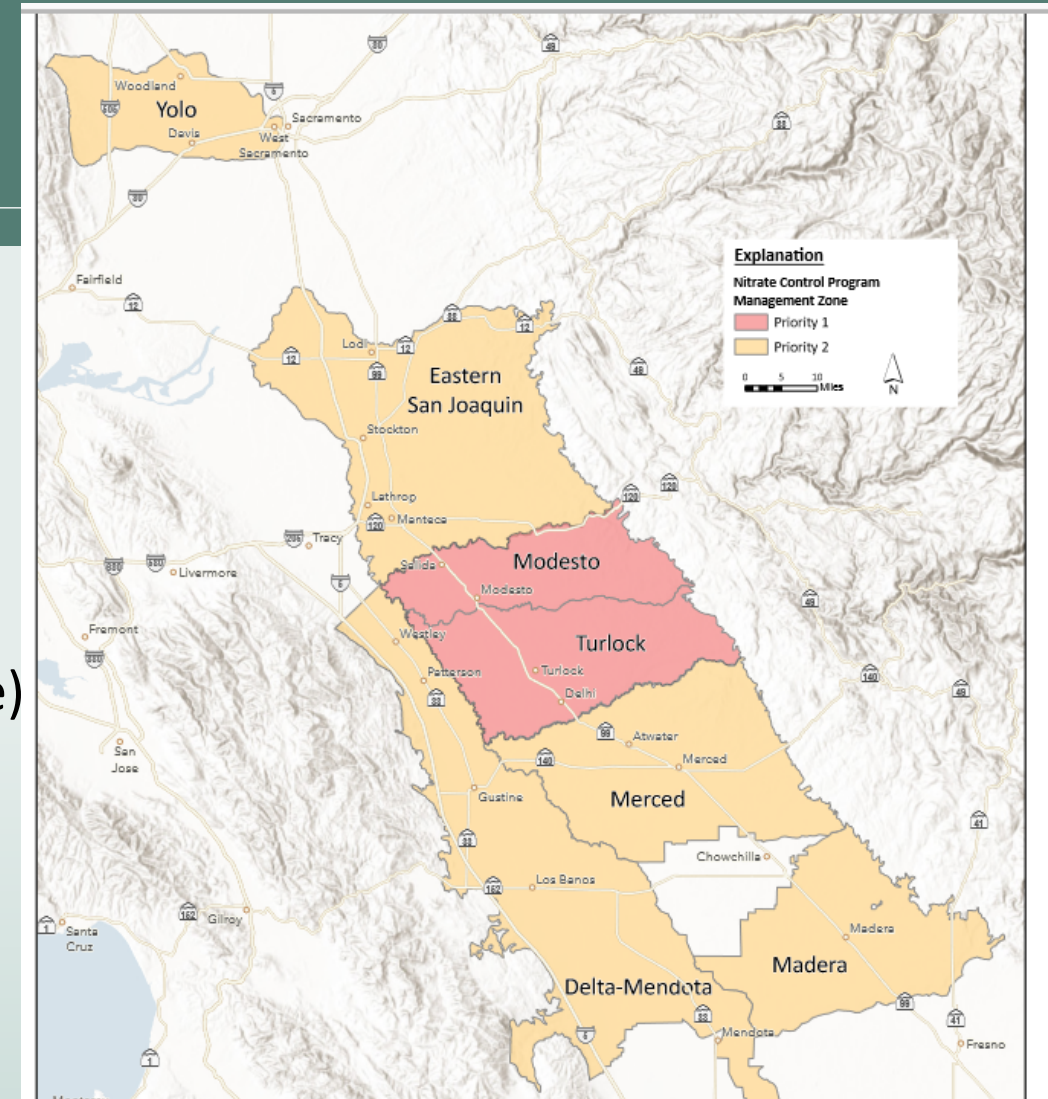


VWC started well testing in May 2021

-- Modesto/Turlock groundwater basins

In February 2025 expanded to five **Priority 2** areas (orange)

- Yolo
- Eastern San Joaquin
- Delta-Mendota
- Merced
- Madera



\* “Priority Areas” are Central Valley groundwater subbasins prioritized for implementation of the Nitrate Control Program

# VWC ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2021

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## VWC Activities in 7 Management Zones/Groundwater Basins

- Progress to date (as of August 2025):
  - **2,074** well testing applications
  - **1,216** wells tested for nitrate and/or other contaminants
  - **832** households receiving bottled water (bi-monthly or monthly)
  - **Year 3+** of SAFER funding support for:
    - testing additional contaminants
    - outreach activities

# SAFER GRANT COLLABORATION



State Water  
Resources  
Control Board



*Testing Began March 2022*

CONTAMINANT TESTED	% ABOVE MCL
Uranium	33%
1,2,3 TCP	18%
Arsenic	5%
DBCP	2%
EDB	0%
Total Chromium	0%
<i>Lead, copper, perchlorate tested in some circumstances; E.coli and Total Coliform tested by Self-Help Enterprises in some circumstances.</i>	

## Planned Activities

- POU / POE installations on qualified applicants

[www.cvsalinity.org//nitrate-program/](http://www.cvsalinity.org//nitrate-program/)



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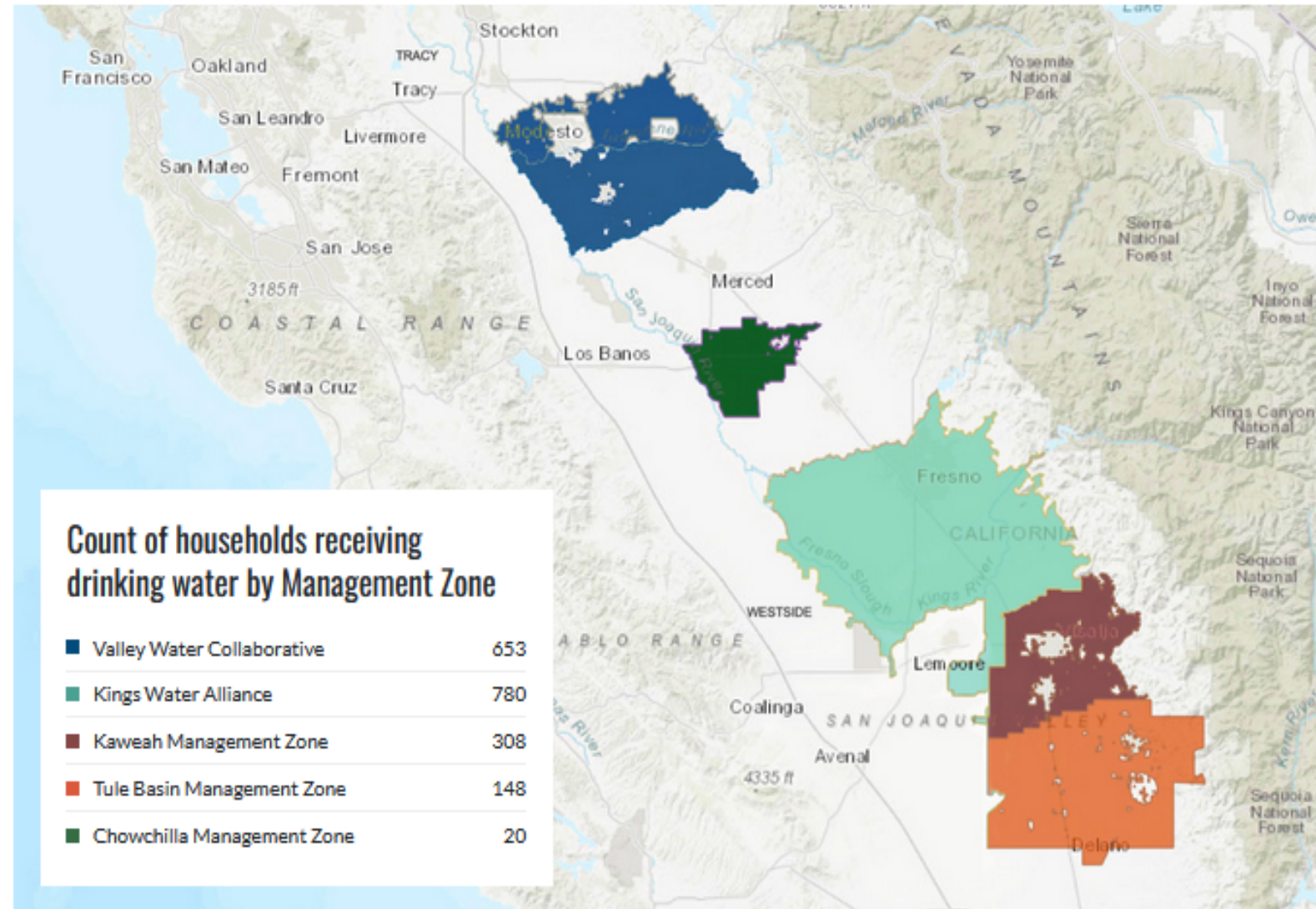
# Nitrate Control Program Overview

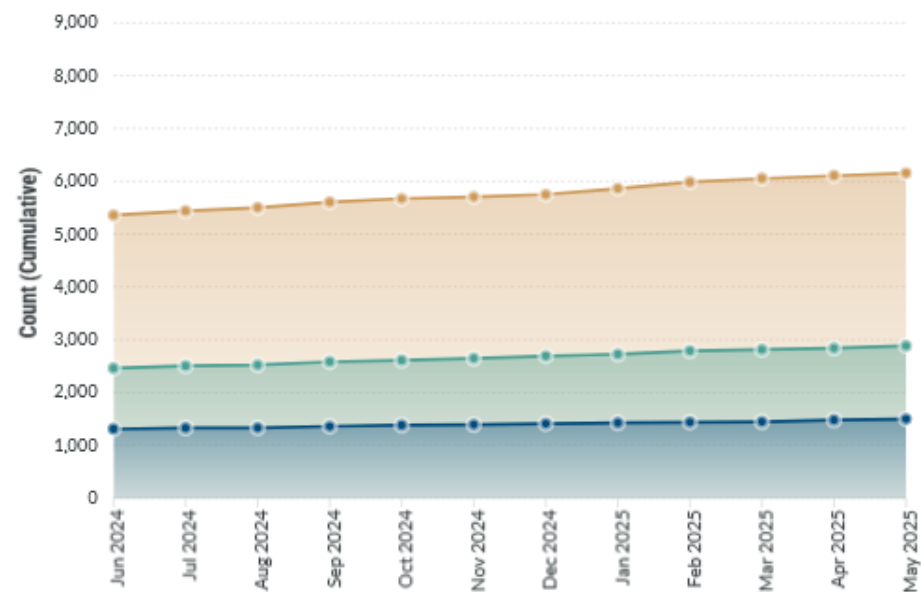
NITRATE PROGRAM DASHBOARD: Active (Priority 1) Management Zones Real Time Results →

# 1,909

## Total Households Receiving Water

We provide free bottled water or a water treatment system to eligible households with a domestic well that exceeds drinking water standards. We distribute bottled water to homes and several areas have free public filling stations.





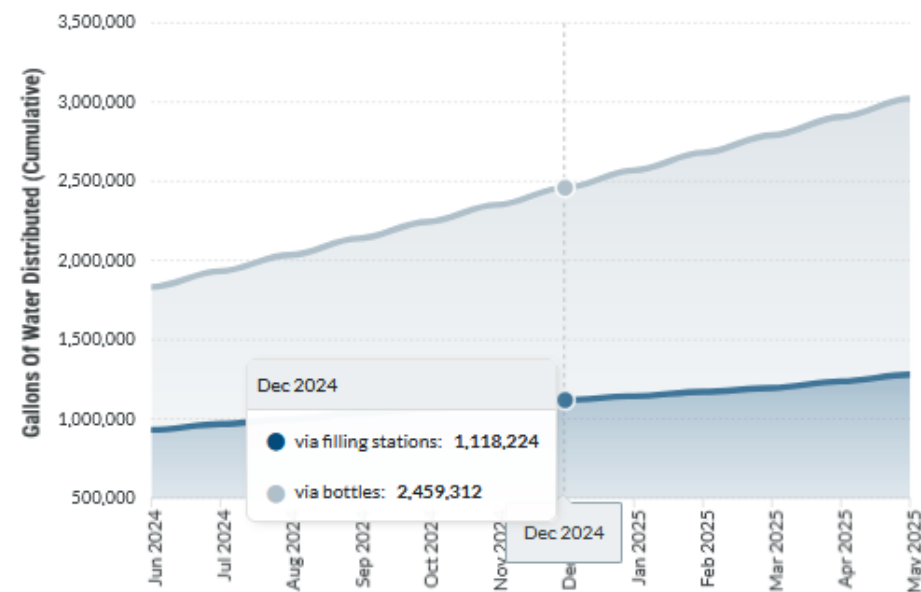
Monthly Data (Last 12 Months)

● Applications Submitted ● Eligible Wells Tested ● Wells Above Nitrate Standard

# 2,884

## Wells tested since 2021

We offer free quality testing to help our neighbors determine if their well water is clean to drink.



Monthly Data (Last 12 Months)

● via filling stations ● via bottles

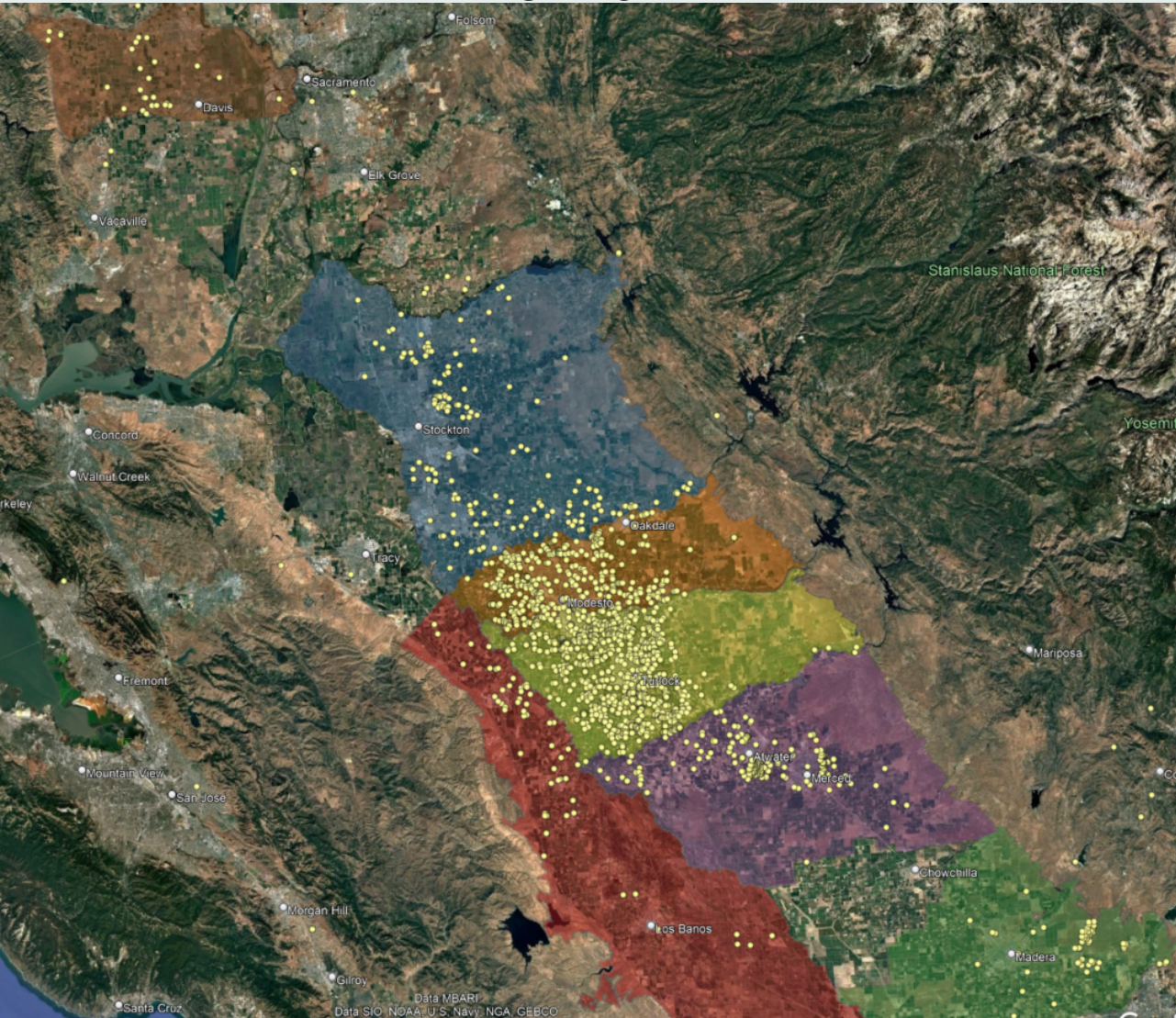
# 4,302,750

## Gallons of water distributed since 2021<sup>1</sup>

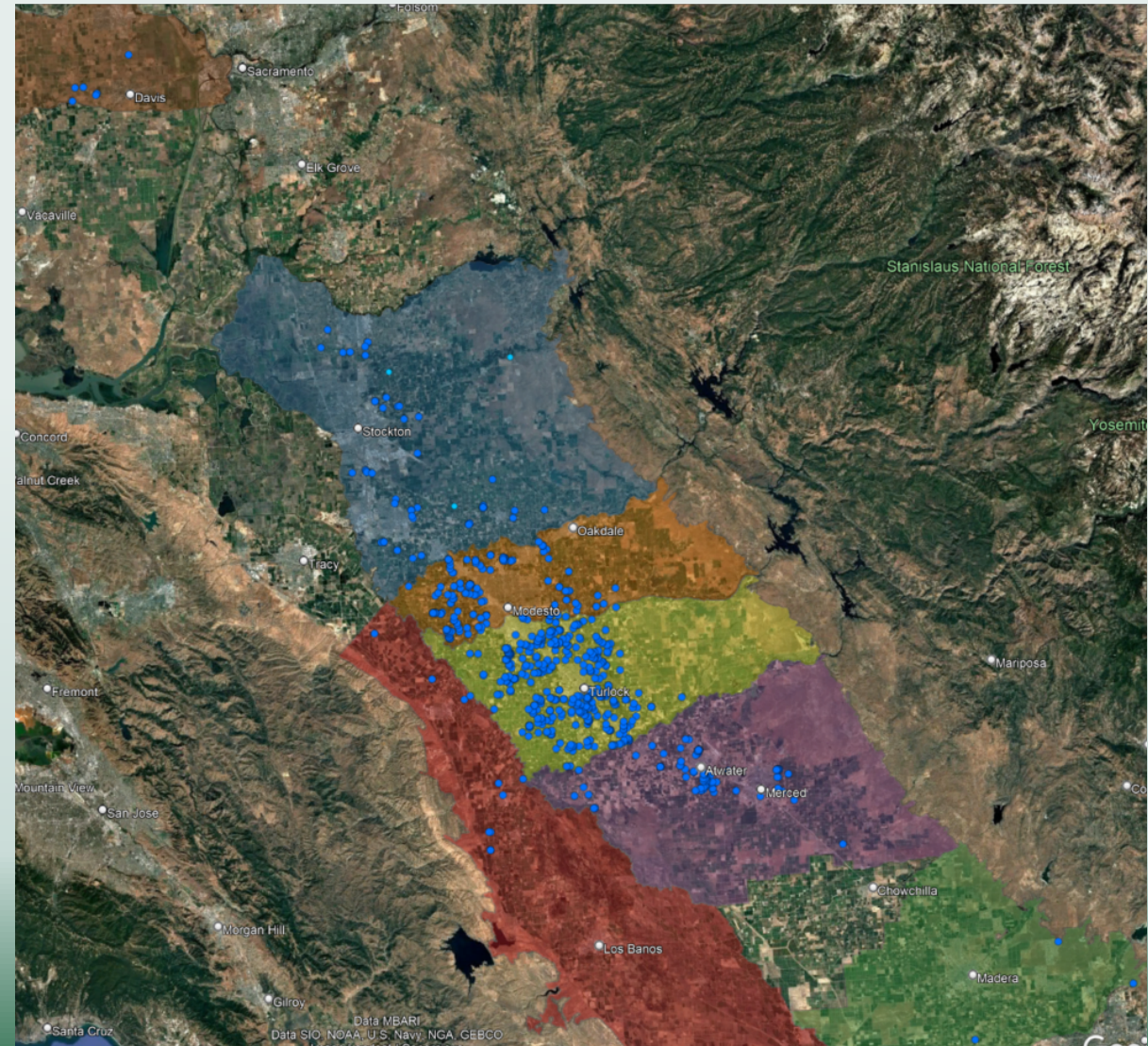
Anyone qualified can get free drinking water at our public filling stations or have bottled water delivered at home.

# VWC MAPPING OF APPLICANTS AND WATER RECIPIENTS

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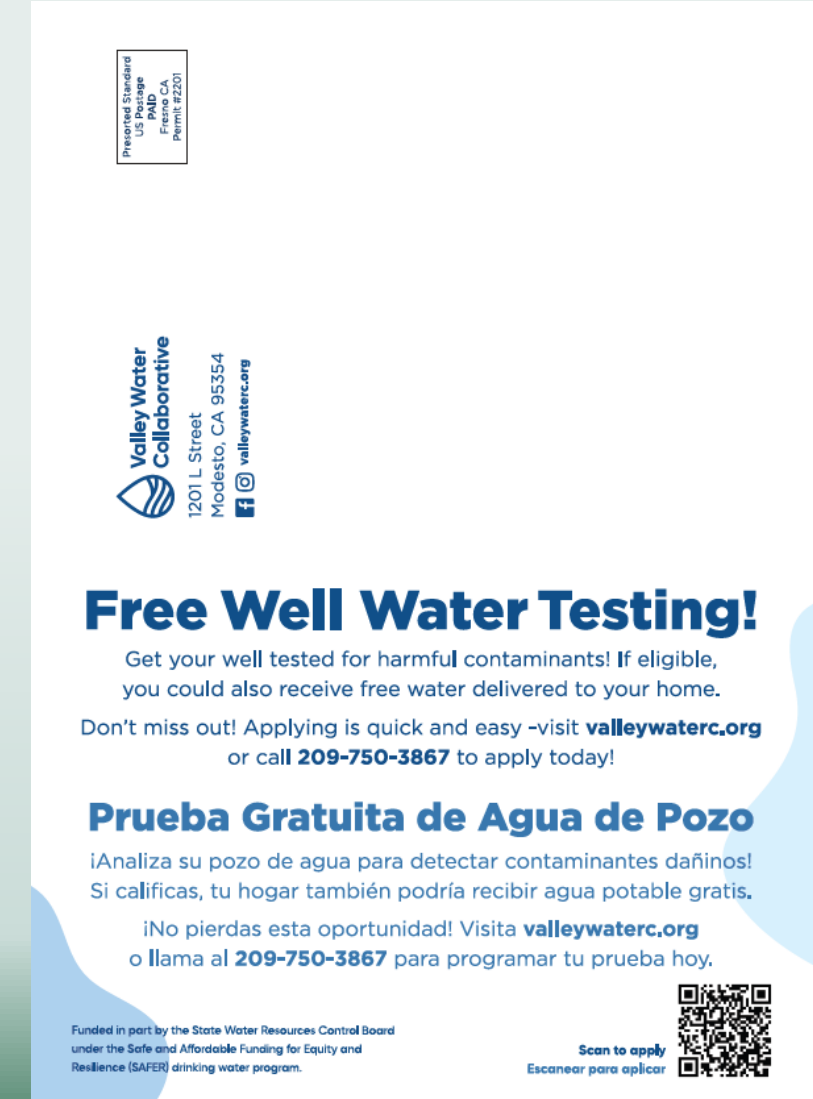


## BOTTLED WATER RECIPIENTS



# OUTREACH MATERIALS

- Design/content refined over three years use
- Mailings directed to known rural residences in neighborhoods with elevated nitrate conditions
- Mailing sent to 21,570 addresses on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for the launch of the P2 program.
- Continue to pursue new outreach approaches



# WATER RECIPIENT REFERRAL PROGRAM

- Bottled water recipients receive \$50 for every successful referral (completed well test)
- 113 new applicants
- Ongoing

## Refer a Neighbor or Friend to VWC; Earn \$50 Cash!

Valley Water Collaborative (VWC) is launching a well testing referral program where existing program participants can earn \$50 for each neighbor, friend, or acquaintance they refer to the VWC free well testing program.

## Refiera a un Vecino o Amigo a VWC; ¡Gana \$50 en Efectivo!

Valley Water Collaborative (VWC) está lanzando un programa de referencia de pruebas de pozos en el que los participantes del programa existente pueden ganar \$50 por cada vecino, amigo o conocido que refieran al programa gratuito de pruebas de pozos de VWC.

# LESSONS LEARNED

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- Newspaper articles were 3rd best response trigger
  - Hard to find subjects to get recurring articles
    - Program Launch
    - High School Display contest
    - SAFER grant award
    - Source Water Pilot
  - Good to have recipients willing to speak to the press
- New approach
  - Considering an insert (tabloid size)

# LESSONS LEARNED

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- Connect with as many community organizations as possible
- Changes in approach
  - Rely on fellow community groups to share our information



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Collaborative**

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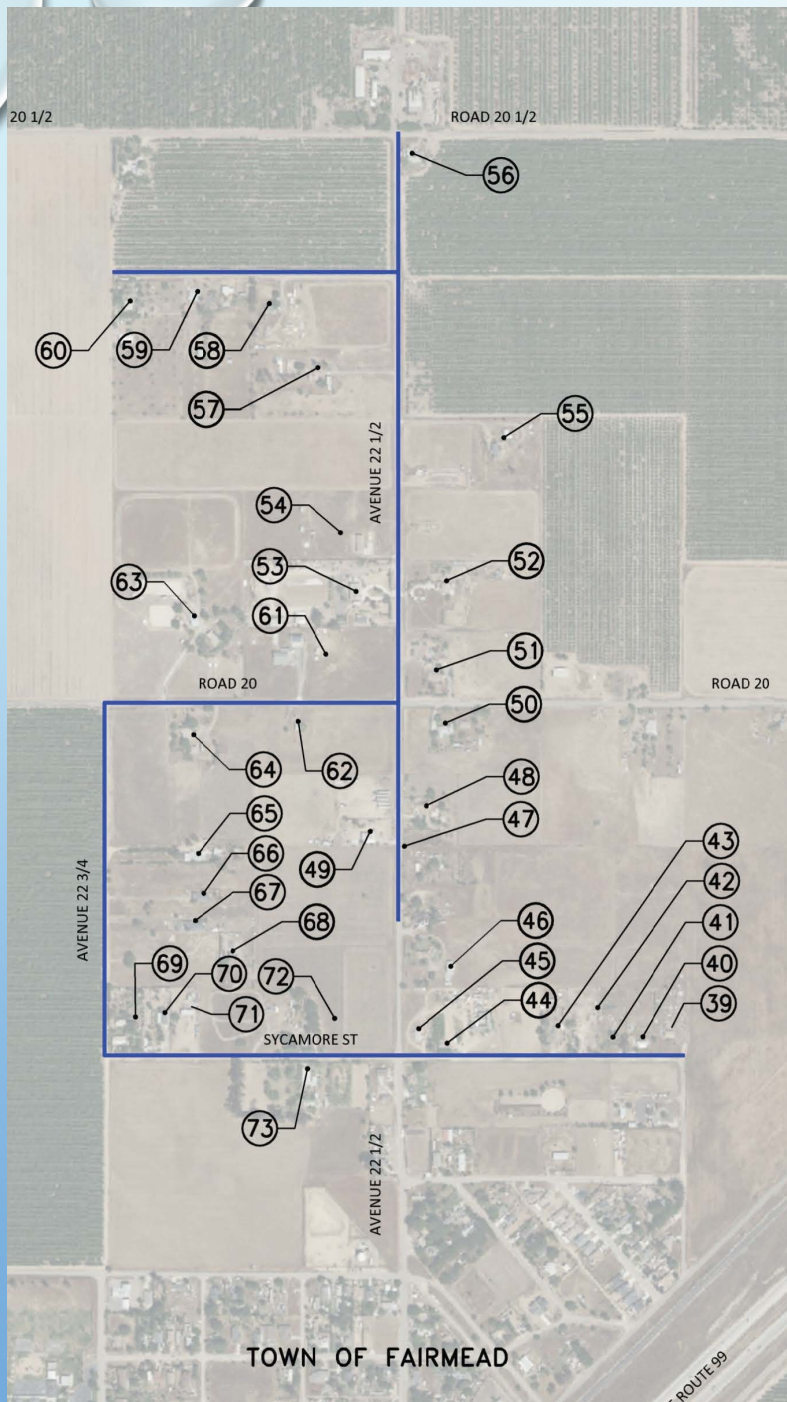
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# **WATER SERVICE EXTENSION TO DOMESTIC WELLS PROJECTS**

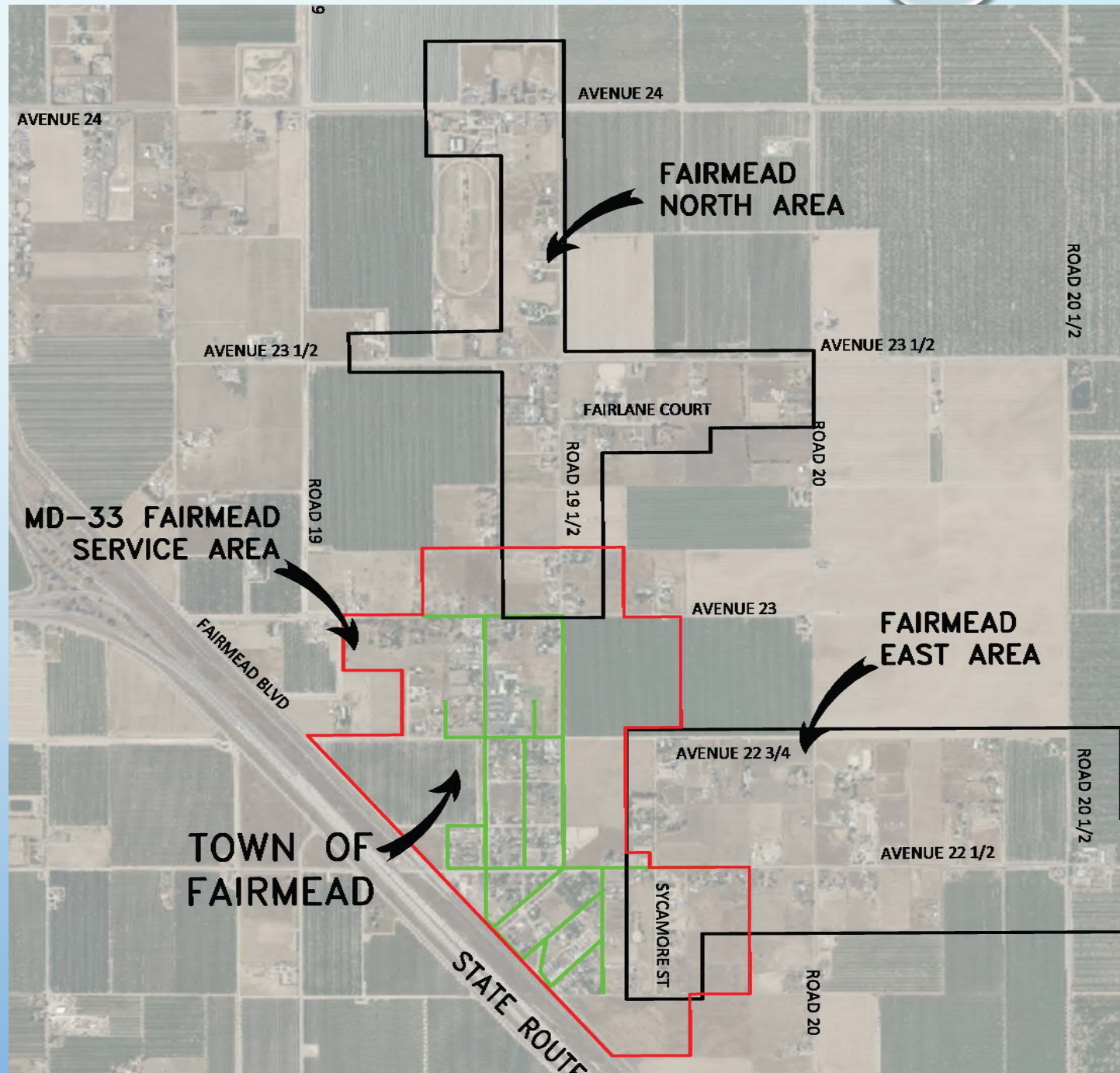
# AN EXISTING COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM EXTENDING WATER SERVICE TO DOMESTIC WELL OWNERS

FULLY GRANT FUNDED  
PROJECTS AT NO COST TO  
PRIVATE WELL RESIDENTS

- MAIN LINE EXTENSIONS
- STUB OUTS
- METERS
- PRIVATE PROPERTY LATERAL LINES
- DOMESTIC WELL DESTRUCTIONS
- CONNECTION FEES



# Fairmead Domestic Well Project






## PROS

- THESE PROJECTS CAN REPLACE, DESTROY AND CAP SEVERAL WELLS IN ONE AREA.
- ADDRESSES CONTAMINATION THAT MANY PRIVATE WELL OWNERS AREN'T AWARE OF.
- ADDRESSES WATER CAPACITY ISSUES THAT A LOT OF WELL OWNERS EXPERIENCE.
- PERMANENT SUSTAINABLE WATER SOURCE.
  - PRIVATE WELLS ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO NEAR-BY AG PUMPING AND DROUGHTS.

## CONS

- OUTREACH
    - DIFFICULT TO PERFORM AS DOOR-TO-DOOR OUTREACH ISN'T VERY EFFECTIVE.
    - YOU'LL NEED DOCUMENTED COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.
    - DEMONSTRATES COMMUNITY BUY-IN
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# Domestic Well Mitigation Programs

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# Outreach and Engagement:

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- Local events
- Resource hubs
- Door-to-door canvassing
- Strategic signage
- Social media
- Partnerships



# Well Assessment

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Develop site map (well, structure, septic, surrounding environmental or land use factors)

Photo documentation of site

Collect available well documentation (WCR, County permits, repair/inspection documentation)

Sound well to determine depth and water level

Inspection of above ground plumbing, electrical, construction components

Deliver emergency supply of bottled drinking water



# Interim Solutions

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- Establish bottled water deliveries
- Install temporary tank and pump system (plumbed above-ground)
- Establish hauled water deliveries to tank system
- Inspect, maintain, and repair tank system as-needed



# Long-term Solutions

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- Provide financing and construction oversight for most feasible, sustainable, cost-appropriate long-term solution
  - Well repair (pump replacement/lower pump)
  - Well replacement
  - Well deepening
  - Connection to public water supply
  - Destroy old well
- Water quality and filtration
  - Initial water quality sampling and analysis
  - Mitigation – Disinfection, POU, POE
  - Post-mitigation sampling and analysis
  - 3-year maintenance plan for POU/E w/ annual sampling of COC



# Education & Resiliency

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- Well stewardship education
  - General water cycle/ hydrogeology education
  - Well construction
  - Well O & M
  - Water conservation
  - Water quality & sampling
  - Financial management
- Long-term water level monitoring



# Questions?

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## **Our Mission**

CWC is building a movement for community-driven water solutions.

## **Our Vision**

Safe, clean and affordable drinking water for all.

*"Every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes."*

- California Assembly Bill (AB) 685 signed into law in 2012



# Central Coast Community-Driven Project Areas



- Central Coast Counties: Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties
- Informed by Integrated Regional Water Management Report



# Existing Challenges





Safe Water Resources

# TA Projects in the Central Coast

- Johnson, McGinnis, Live Oak Road (JML)
- Pajaro, Sunny Mesa, Springfield-area (PSMS)
- Springfield
- Walnut Avenue





# Long-Term Solutions



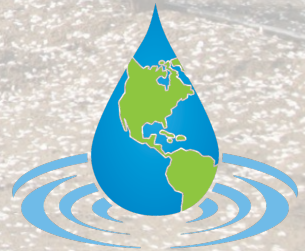


# Questions?

- Sign-up to receive monthly newsletters on water justice:  
**CommunityWaterCenter.org**
- Follow us on social media!



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# Domestic Wells: AB2454 & AB644 Overview and Enforcement

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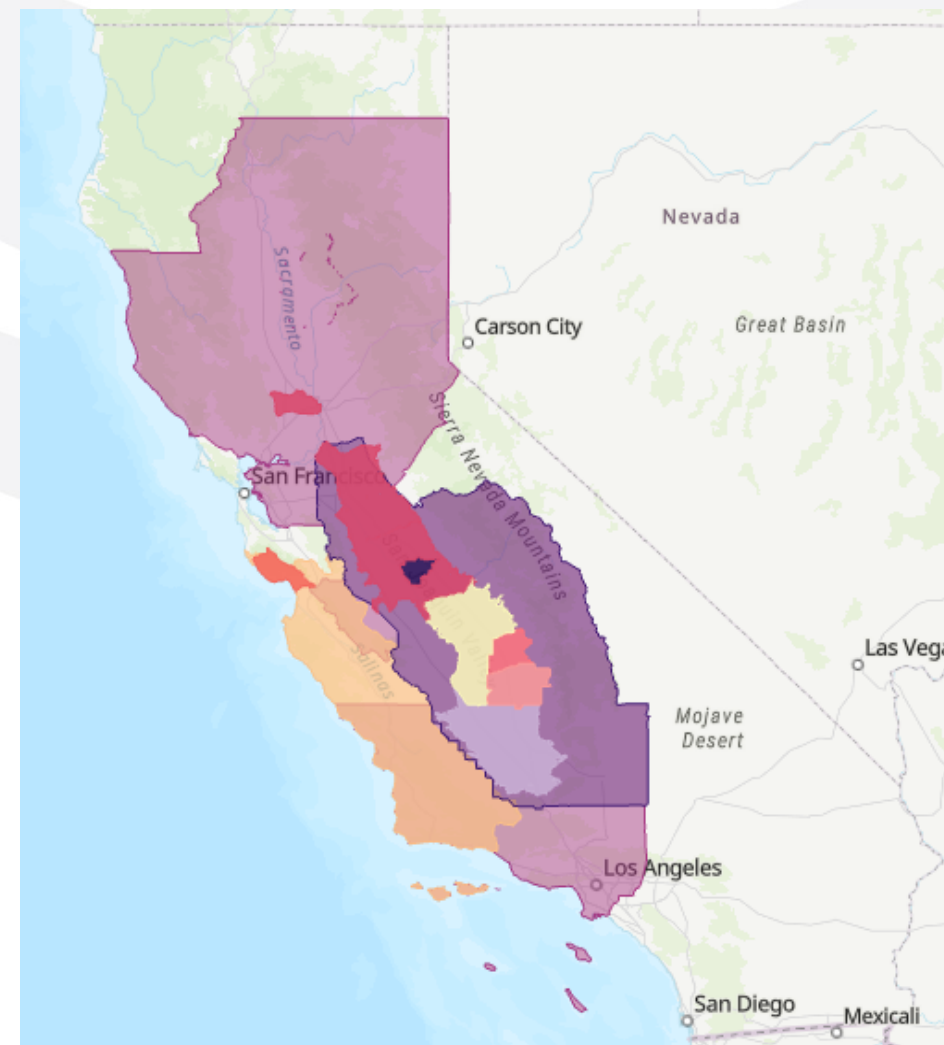


# Rental Property Domestic Well Testing Requirements (Assembly Bill 2454)

Goal: requires owners of private domestic wells serving a rental property in certain areas to participate in a water testing program.

Domestic wells must be located within the boundaries of a free testing program funded or regulated by the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board.

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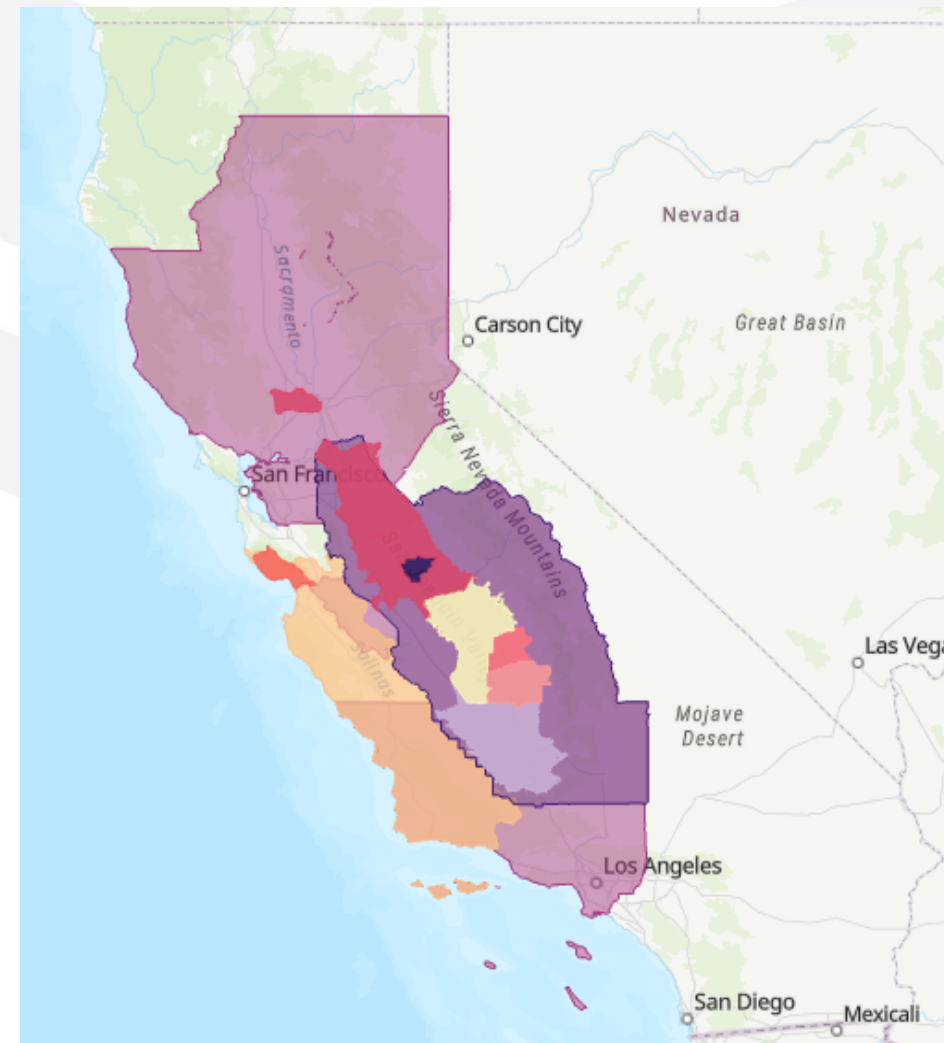
Map of Domestic Well Testing Programs

# Rental Property Domestic Well Testing Requirements (Assembly Bill 2454)

Domestic well owners are required to:

- Test the well (free program)
- Share test results (within 10 days)
- Provide safe drinking water **IF**:
  - Test results show exceedance of safe drinking water standards
  - Program offers free drinking water

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Map of Domestic Well Testing Programs

# Assembly Bills 664 and 2454 Enforcement Planning

Office of Enforcement



# Overview

- ➔ Introduction to Office of Enforcement
- ➔ Assembly Bill (AB) 664 Background
- ➔ Enforcement Approach
- ➔ AB 664 and AB 2454 Comparisons
- ➔ Enforcement Triggers
- ➔ Enforcement Toolbox
- ➔ Next Steps

# Introduction to Office of Enforcement

- Created in 2006 to separate enforcement from administrative functions  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/)
- Multidisciplinary staff of attorneys, engineers, geologists and scientists
- Support enforcement actions in all regions, offices, divisions
- Work in program areas including Water Rights, Water Quality, Financial Fraud Prevention, and Drinking Water
- AB 664 and AB 2454 enforcement

# AB 664 (Domestic Well Consolidation) Background

- When a water system consistently fails to provide its customers with access to safe drinking water, the State Water Board may order the water system to consolidate with a receiving system.
- What happens if the owner of a domestic well\* within the consolidation area refuses to consent to consolidation?
  - The tenant(s) who rely on the domestic well could be left without access to safe drinking water.



\*A domestic well is defined as having no more than 4 service connections.

# AB 664 (Domestic Well Consolidation) Background

- The purpose of AB 664 is to ensure that tenants who rely on domestic wells located within consolidation areas also have access to safe drinking water.
- AB 664 requires domestic well owners—who do not consent to a water system consolidation—to do all of the following:
  - Conduct an annual test of their domestic well to ensure it meets primary and secondary drinking water standards;
  - Provide test results to all tenants within 10 days of receiving the results;
  - Provide test results to the local health officer; and
  - Provide replacement water if the water fails to meet state standards.

# Domestic Wells Estimated to be At-Risk

Systems	At-Risk	Potentiall y At-Risk	Not At-Risk	Total
State Small Water Systems	205 (16.6%)	629 (50.9%)	401 (32.5%)	1,235
Domestic Wells	93,028 (31.1%)	101,090 (33.8%)	104,597 (35%)	298,715

Reference: DRAFT SAFER 2025-2026 Fund  
Expenditure Plan

# **AB 664 (Domestic Well Consolidation) and AB 2454 (Domestic Well Testing) Similarities**

- Both apply to rental properties that rely on domestic wells
- Both are focused on disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Both require domestic well testing and reporting by property owner
- Both require water replacement where appropriate

# AB 664 and AB 2454 Differences

## **AB 664 (Domestic Well Consolidation)**

- Only applies in DAC consolidation areas
- Only applies to property owners that do not consent to consolidation
- Well testing and replacement water must be provided by owner - regardless of funding availability

## **AB 2454 (Domestic Well Testing)**

- Only applies where Water Board domestic well testing programs are available
- Only requires replacement water if a Water Board program is already available
- No associated consolidation consent requirements

# AB 664 (Domestic Well Consolidation) and AB 2454 (Domestic Well Testing) Enforcement Approach



# AB 664 (Domestic Well Consolidation) Enforcement Triggers

- Consolidations in DACs with at-risk domestic wells
  - Historic pollution and/or environmental justice hurdles (Health & Safety Code section 116682 (l))
- Rental property owners that refuse to consent to consolidation
  - Rental and/or property records, consent records
- Statements or complaints from renters that are aware of the law and are concerned about using domestic well water without knowing whether it is safe
  - Outreach and customer complaints
  - Landlords that do not report results to tenants (or not providing in primary language)
- Agency or partner organization reports
  - Complaints via water providers or NGOs
- Rental property owners are prohibited from imposing fees on tenants as a result of these requirements

# AB 2454 (Domestic Well Testing) Enforcement Triggers

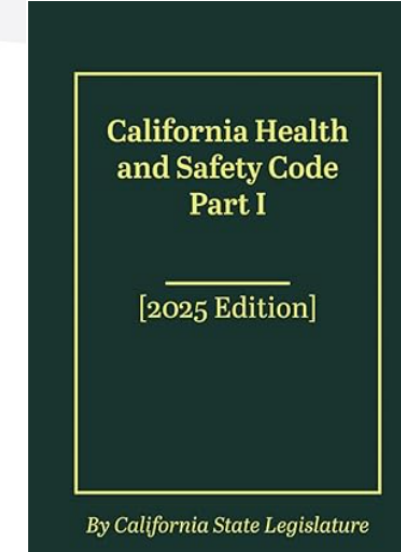
- DACs with Domestic Wells at risk - in areas that have testing and water replacement programs available
- Rental property owners that are not participating in testing program
  - Rental and/or property records, public water records, testing program participation records, outreach results, concern/complaint forms
- Rental property owners that are not communicating testing results to tenants (or not providing in primary language)
  - Outreach results, concern/complaint forms, analytical report tracking in specific circumstances (annual)
- Rental property owners are prohibited from imposing fees on tenants as a result of these requirements

# Enforcement Toolbox – Progressive Enforcement

- What is Progressive Enforcement?
  - Escalating series of actions beginning with informal enforcement
- Informal enforcement
  - Enforcement referral notice
  - Compliance outreach and assistance
  - Notice of Violation
- Where informal enforcement does not result in a return to compliance, the enforcement response escalates to formal enforcement actions

# Enforcement Toolbox – Formal Enforcement

- Formal enforcement
  - Compliance Order (Health & Saf. Code, § 116655)
  - Citation with or without penalty (Health & Saf. Code, § 116650)
- Referral to Attorney General's Office
  - For egregious violations



# Next Steps

- SAFER/DDW/OPEETA collaboration, initial outreach measures
- Development of Complaint Process
- Standard enforcement procedures development (escalating enforcement measures and associated procedures)



# Questions?



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# SAFER Goals & Quarterly Update on Metrics

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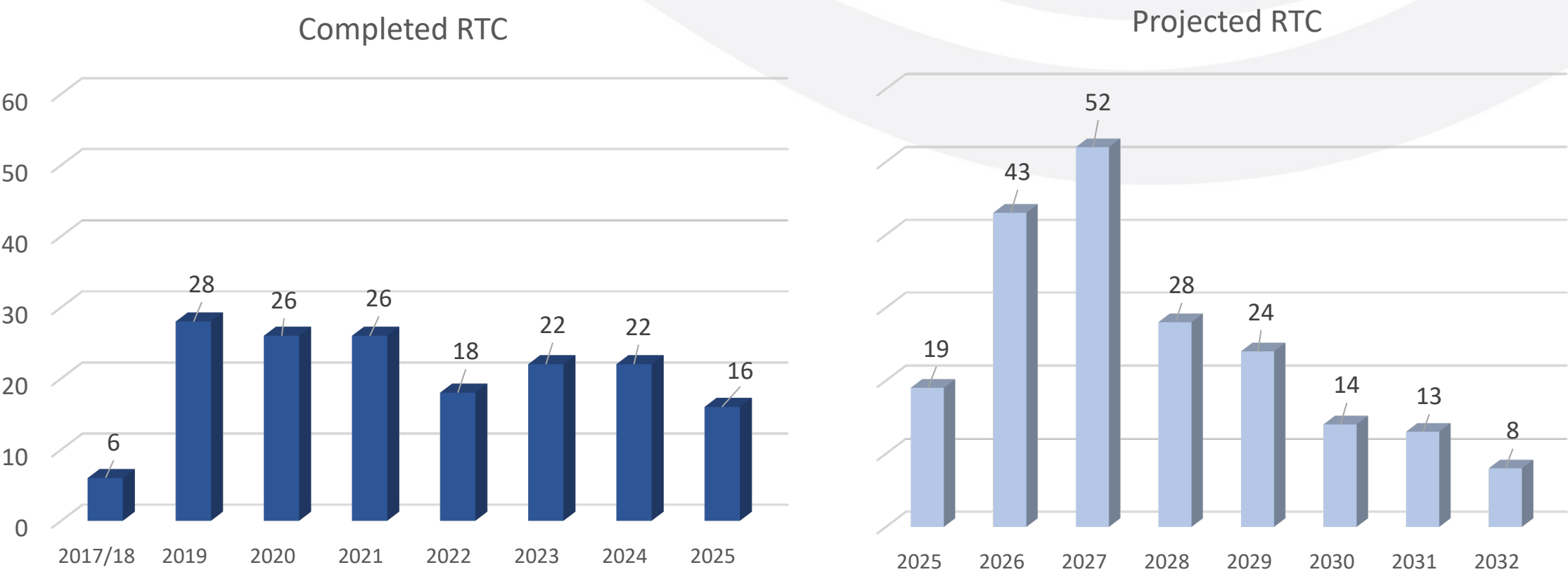
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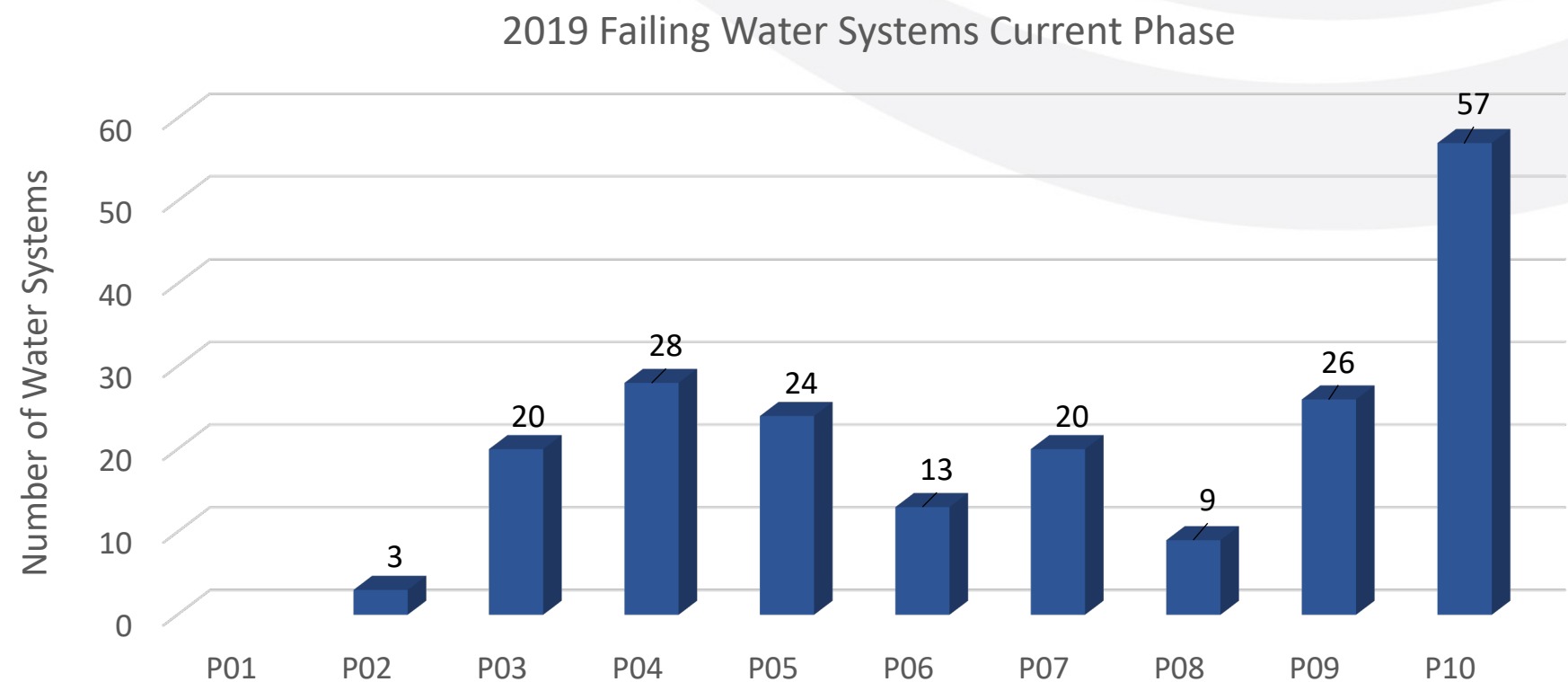
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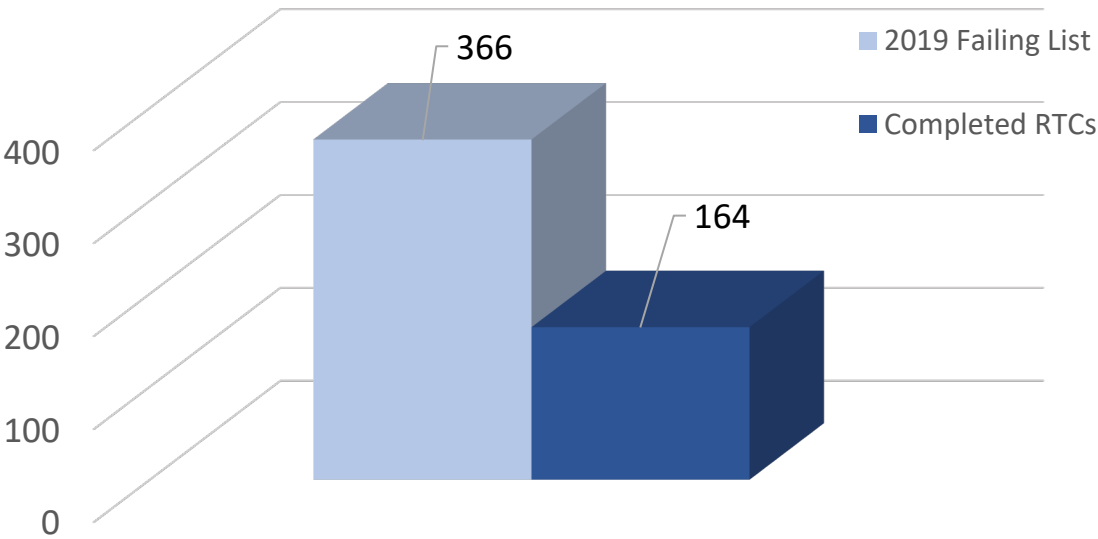
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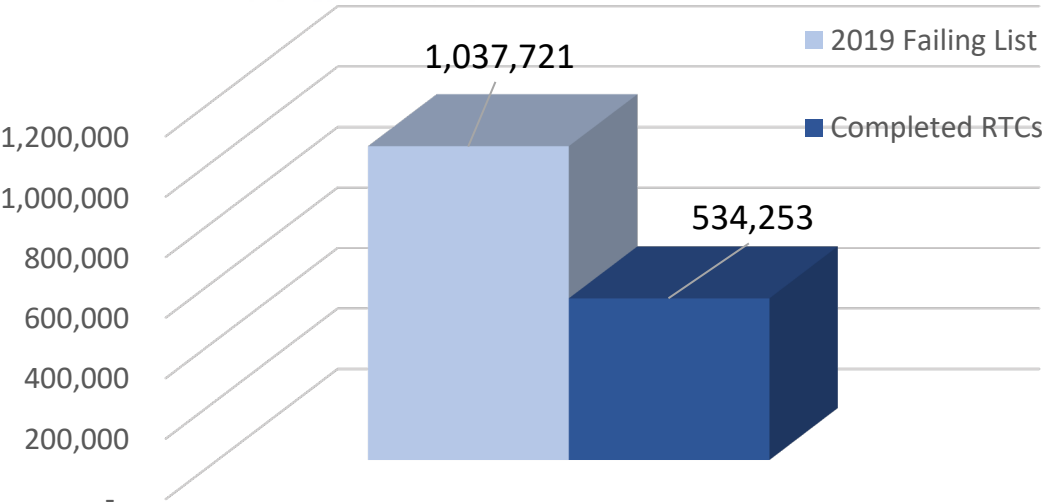
# SAFER Goal 1: People in Communities and Schools that didn't have access to safe drinking water now have it.

- 2019 Failing Systems: 90% of 2019 failing systems to RTC by 2030
  - On track – 89.6% of 2019 failing systems are projected to RTC by 2030

Water Systems Returning to Compliance by 2030  
(2019 Failing)



Population Returning to Compliance by 2030  
(2019 Failing)



# SAFER Goal 2: All communities and schools without safe drinking water are on track to get lasting solutions in place as swiftly as feasible.

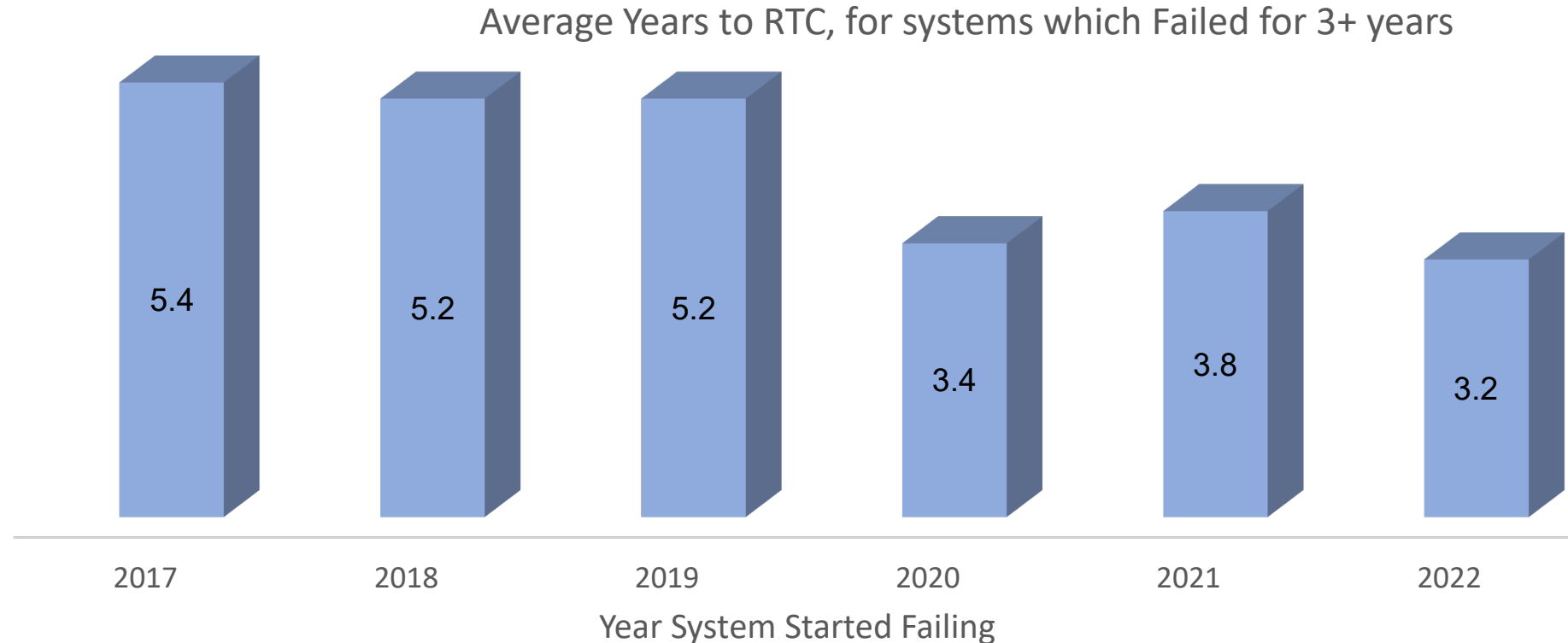
- Corrective Action Plans (CAP)
  - Number of Failing Systems: 398
  - Failing Systems Needing a CAP: 295
- Closing the CAP Gap
  - How?
    - Engagement
    - Technical Orders
    - New Enforcement Actions
  - CAP Status
    - Collected CAPS: 215
    - Accepted CAPS: 95

# **SAFER Goal 2: All communities and schools without safe drinking water are on track to get lasting solutions in place as swiftly as feasible.**

- Active Technical Assistance (TA) Summary
  - TA has 229 active projects relating to Planning Activities:
    - 48% of projects address the 2019 Failing Cohort Systems
    - 21% of projects address other Failing Systems
    - 31% of projects are assisting non-failing systems. About half are for consolidation projects.
  - 172 of the Projects will result in a Construction Application.
    - 39 have a complete application.
    - Approximately 90 have a complete Preliminary Engineering Report.
    - 130 are estimated to have a complete application by 12/31/26.

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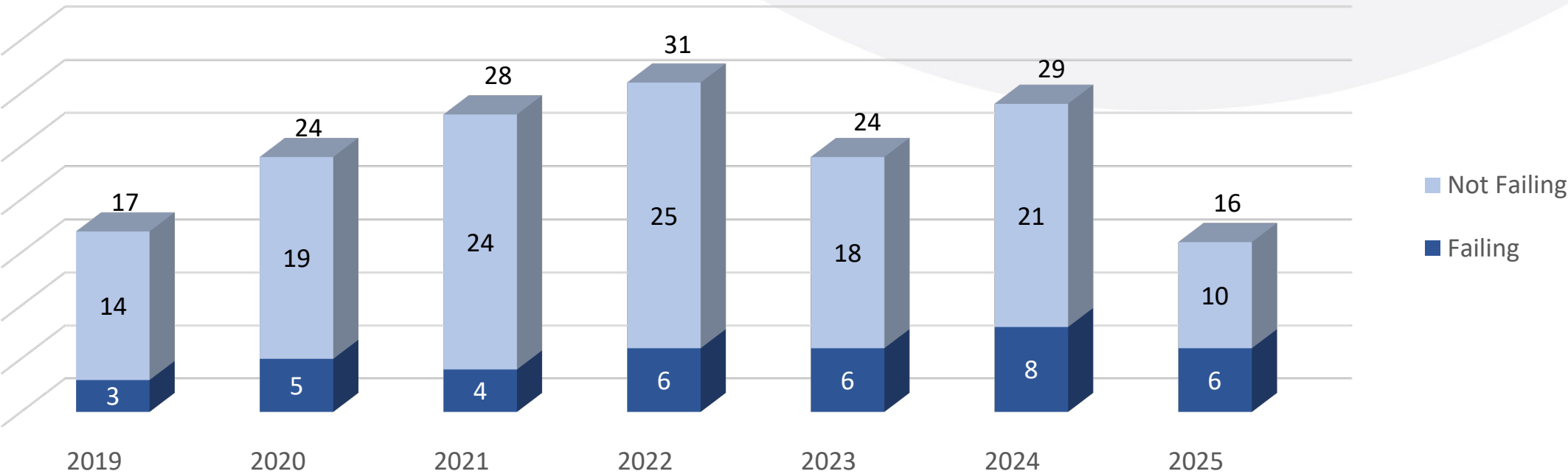
- Reduce total time from violation to compliance to less than five years



# SAFER Goal 3: California's most vulnerable communities and schools are transitioning to be resilient and prevent cycles of failures.

- Consolidations: 20 per year

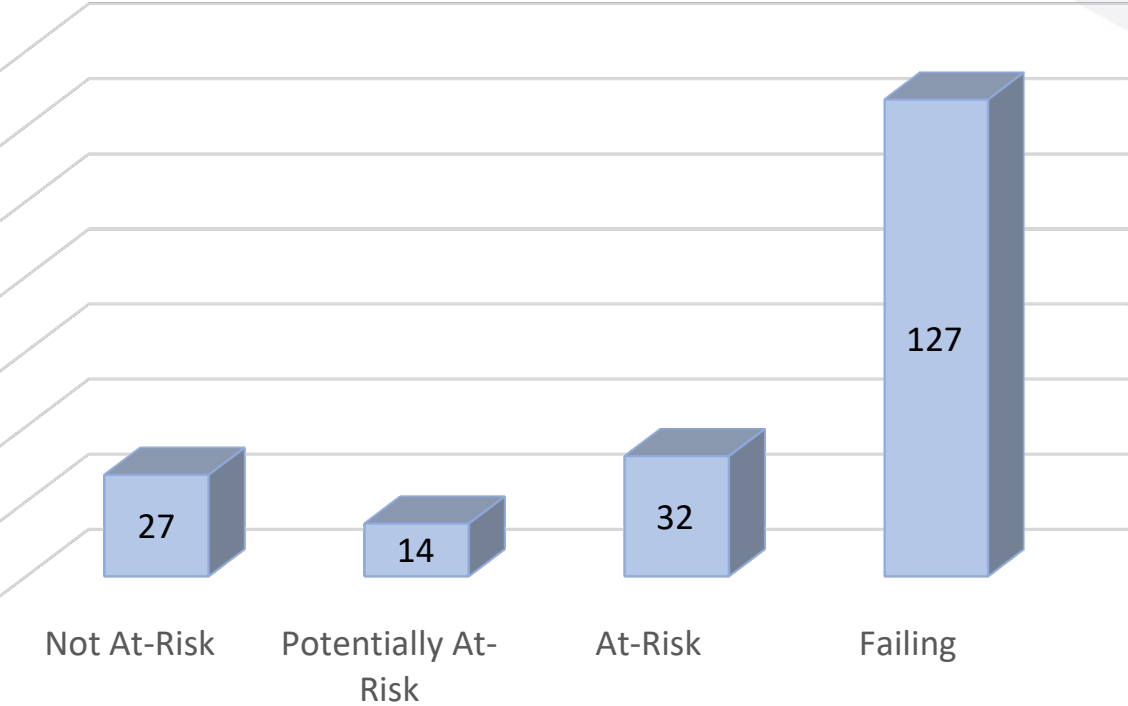
Consolidations since 7/1/2019, by Year and SAFER Status  
Total = 169 systems impacting 344,060 people



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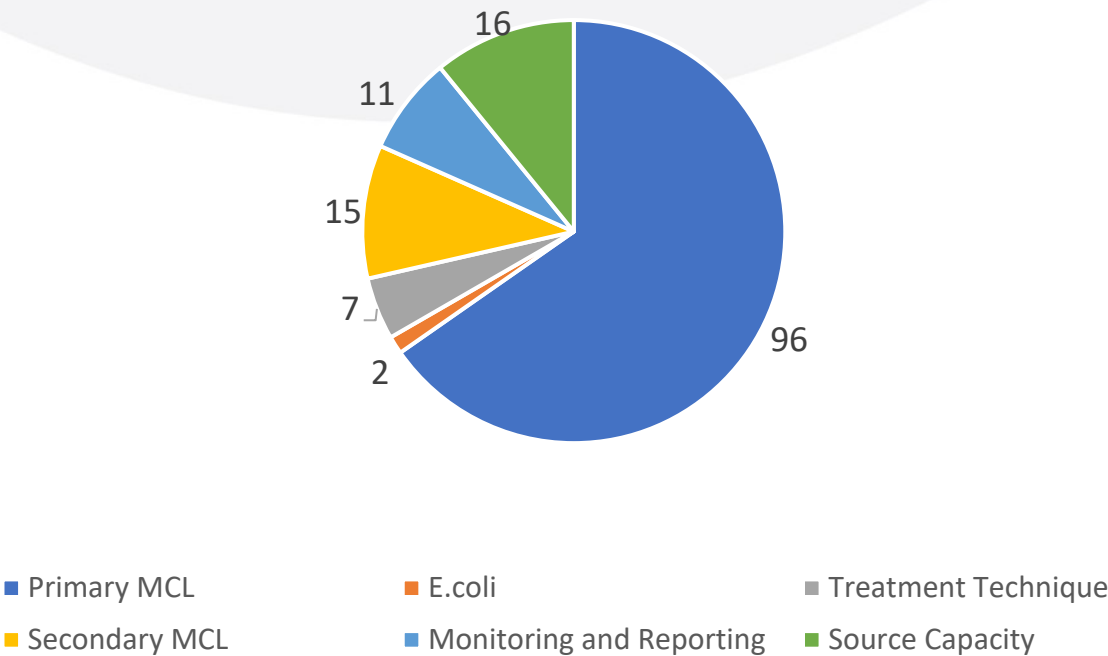
- Consolidations: SAFER Status and Violation Types

Ongoing consolidations - SAFER Status



Violation Types of Failing Systems Consolidating

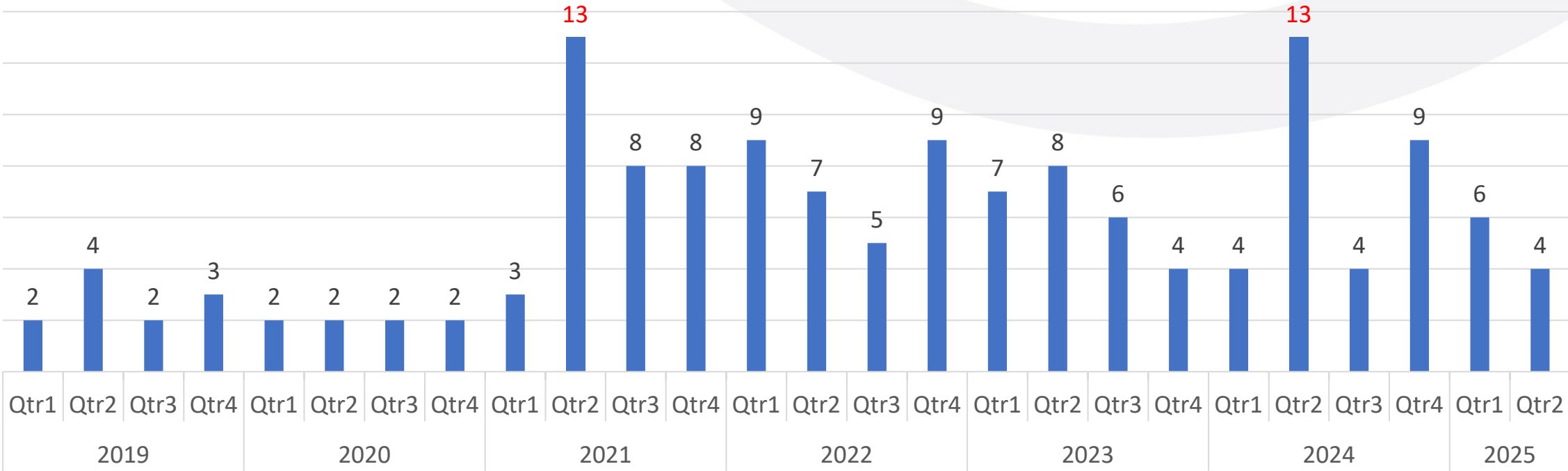
\*Some Failing Systems meet multiple Violation Criteria Types



# SAFER Goal 3: California's most vulnerable communities and schools are transitioning to be resilient and prevent cycles of failures.

- Water System Repeat Failures

Water Systems Returning to the Failing List since 2019 – Repeat Failures



# SAFER Goal 3: California's most vulnerable communities and schools are transitioning to be resilient and prevent cycles of failures.

- Reduce multiple emergency repair funding requests.
  - 38 systems with multiple emergency requests since July 2019
  - ZERO new additions in Q2 2025



# Questions and Answers



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# Advisory Group Member Announcements

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# SAFER Advisory Group Members Announcements

- Project/Event title
- Timeline/Event date
- Purpose/Objective
- Next steps
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# Public Comment

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# Closing Remarks and Next Steps

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**Thank you!**  
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