

State Water Resources Control Board

DATE: September 3, 2026

SUBJECT: QAPP VERIFICATION STATUS

During the public comment period for the 2024 Integrated Report, a comment was received stating data was used that lacked a Quality Assurance Project Plan (“QAPP”). Staff investigated this issue and identified approximately seven data providers that were inaccurately classified as being exempt from the QAPP requirement. In response the following was included in the resolution:

The [2024 Cycle Resolution](#), Item 12, states in part: “... the 2024 303(d) List contains attainment decisions that rely on data submitted by approximately seven data providers for which staff has been unable to verify whether the data is supported by a QAPP. Staff is committed to verifying the existence of QAPPs acceptable for use (i.e., satisfy the minimum elements set forth in section 6.1.4) to support new 2024 303(d) List attainment decisions for data submitted by monitoring programs not explicitly identified in section 6.1.4 by September 2024, and update waterbody fact sheets with the documentation during the 2026 or 2028 listing cycle. If such data is not verified as being supported by a QAPP, the attainment decision will be revised as needed no later than the 2028 listing cycle to ensure that such data is not used by itself to support an attainment decision for water segment.”

Staff identified 10 Parent Projects with data assessed during the 2024 Cycle that were inaccurately classified as exempt from the QAPP requirement. Staff has since verified the existence of QA documentation for each of these Parent Projects. Staff reviewed the documents and determined they satisfy the minimum elements set forth in section 6.1.4 of the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California’s Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (“Listing Policy”). A list of these Parent Projects is below:

1. Inner Cabrillo Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (Data Reference #5211)
2. R8 So CA Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (Data Reference #5229)
3. Rice Pesticide Program (Data Reference #5366)
4. South Yuba River Citizen’s League River Monitoring Program (Data Reference#5403)
5. Newport Bay Watershed Bio Trend Monitoring Prgrm (Data Reference #5436)
6. Newport Bay Watershed Bio Trend Monitoring Prgm (Data Reference #5437)
7. Orange Co Public Works Santa Ana TMDL Programs (Data Reference #5439)
8. Orange County Sanitation District Core Ocean Monitoring Program (Data Reference#5440)

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- 9.** Santa Ana Region Monitoring (Data Reference #5450)
- 10.** Santa Ana River Dischargers Associations (Data Reference #5451)