

Six Acres Water Company

Public Meeting
6:00 - 8:00 pm

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Six Acres Water Company *Public Meeting*

June 29, 2021

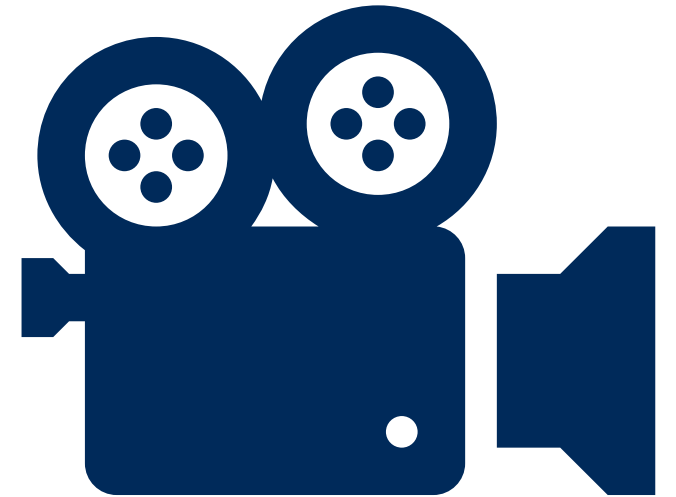
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Recording

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To Participate

Technical Assistance

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Phone Commands

*9 to raise hand

*6 to mute/unmute

Everyone will be muted,
until public comment



Meeting Agenda

- Background of Six Acres Water Company
- Overview of Consolidation Process
- Overview of Administrator Appointment
- Potential Administrator and Scope of Work
- Community Involvement
- Next Steps
- Public Comments/Questions





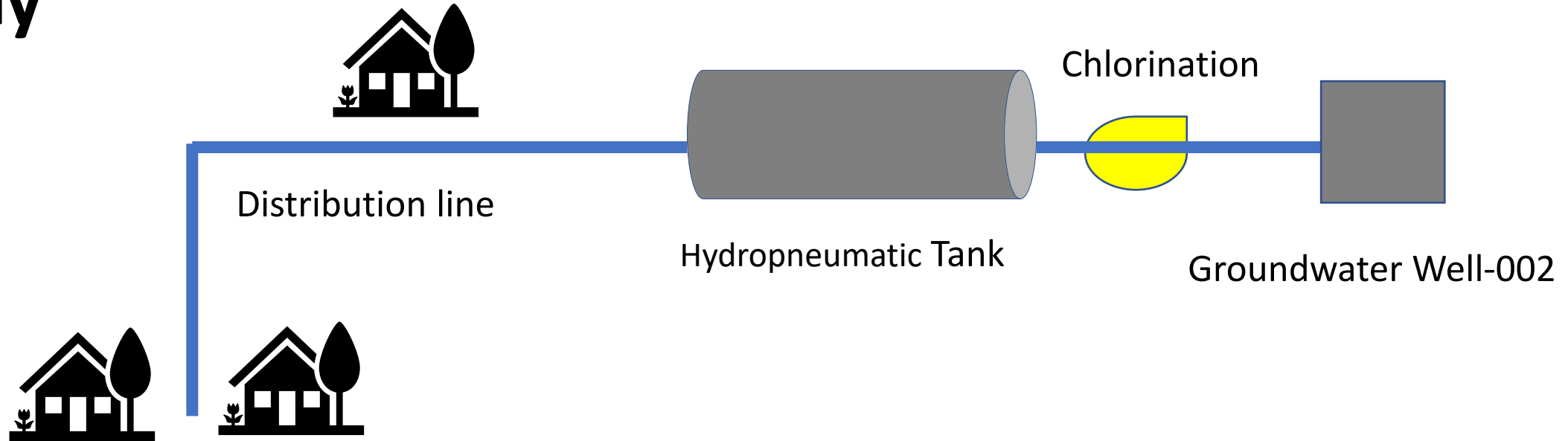
Water Board's Mission Statement

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.

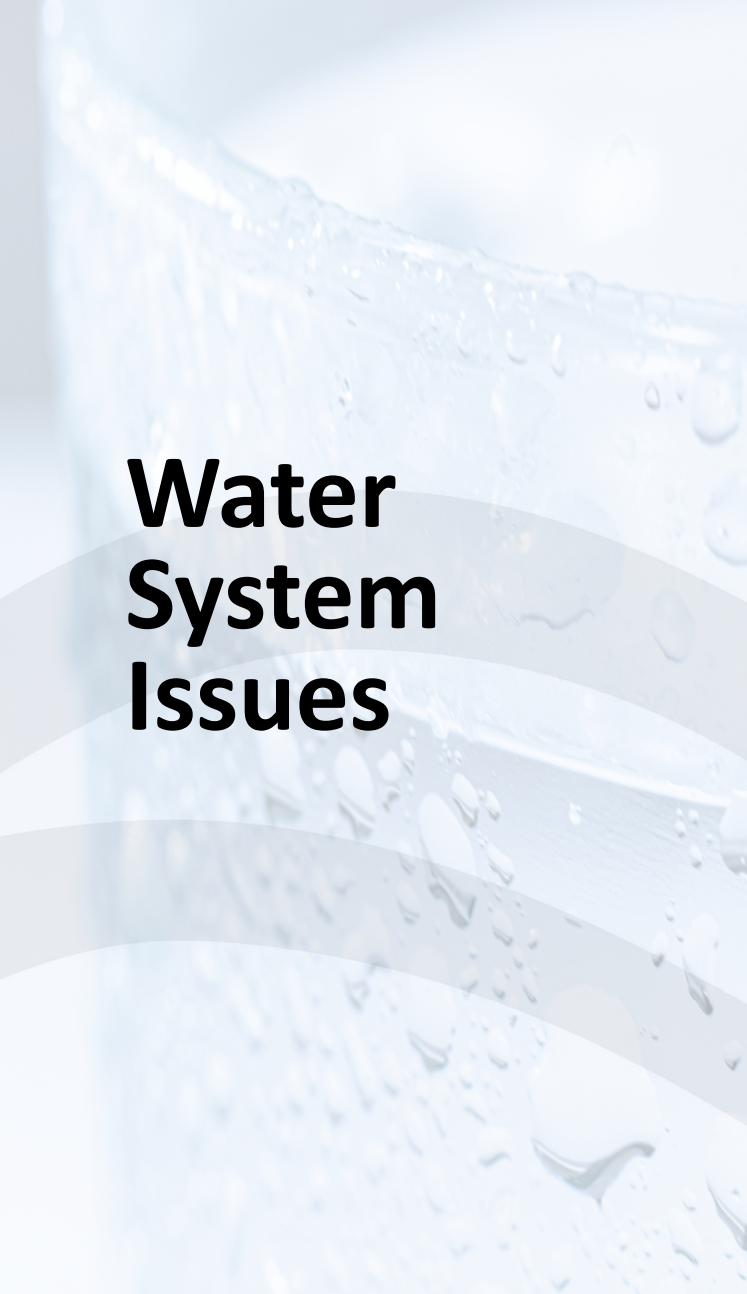
Water System Background Six Acres Water Company

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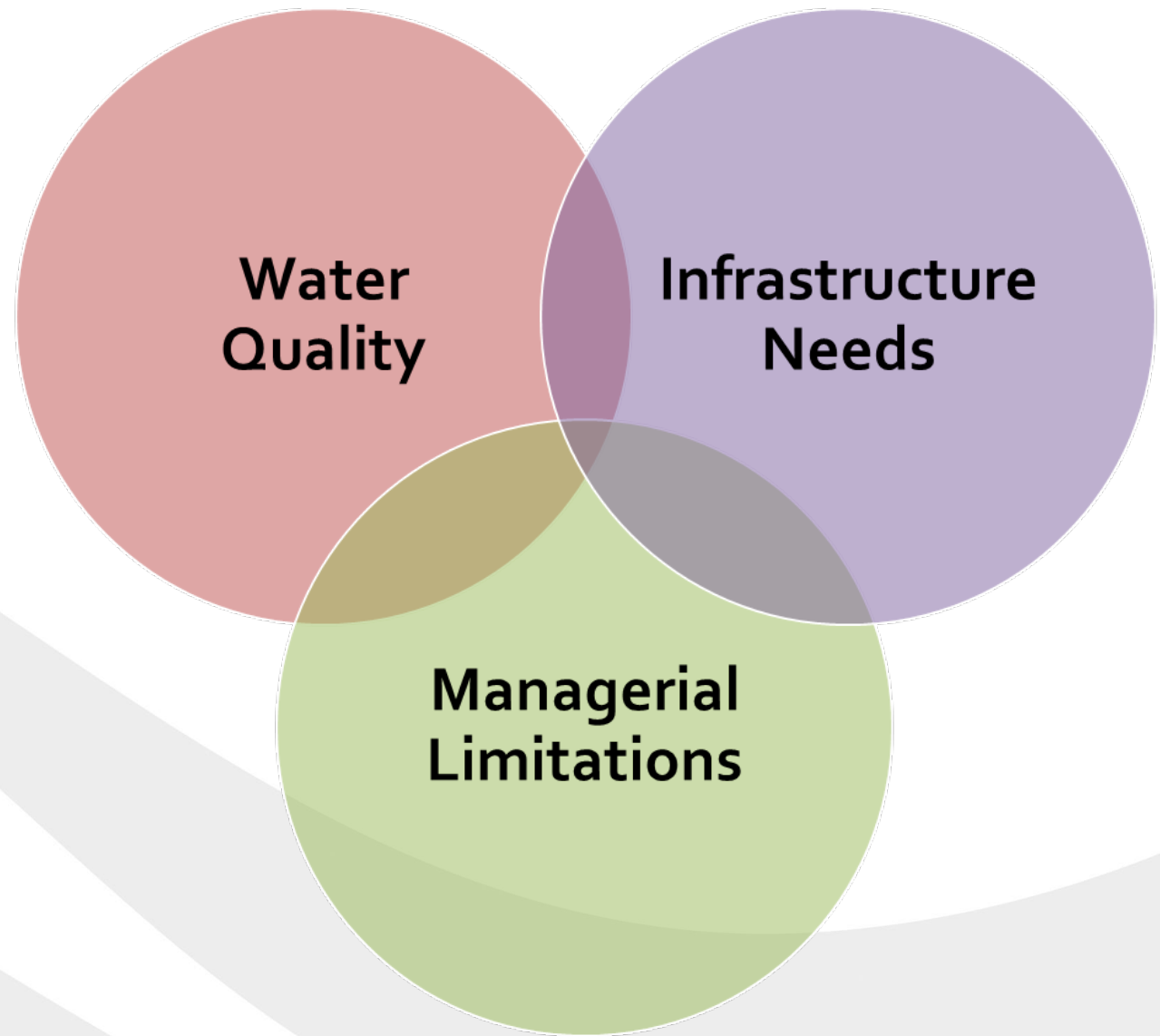
Six Acres Water Company



- **Population: 66**
- **Service Connections: 22**

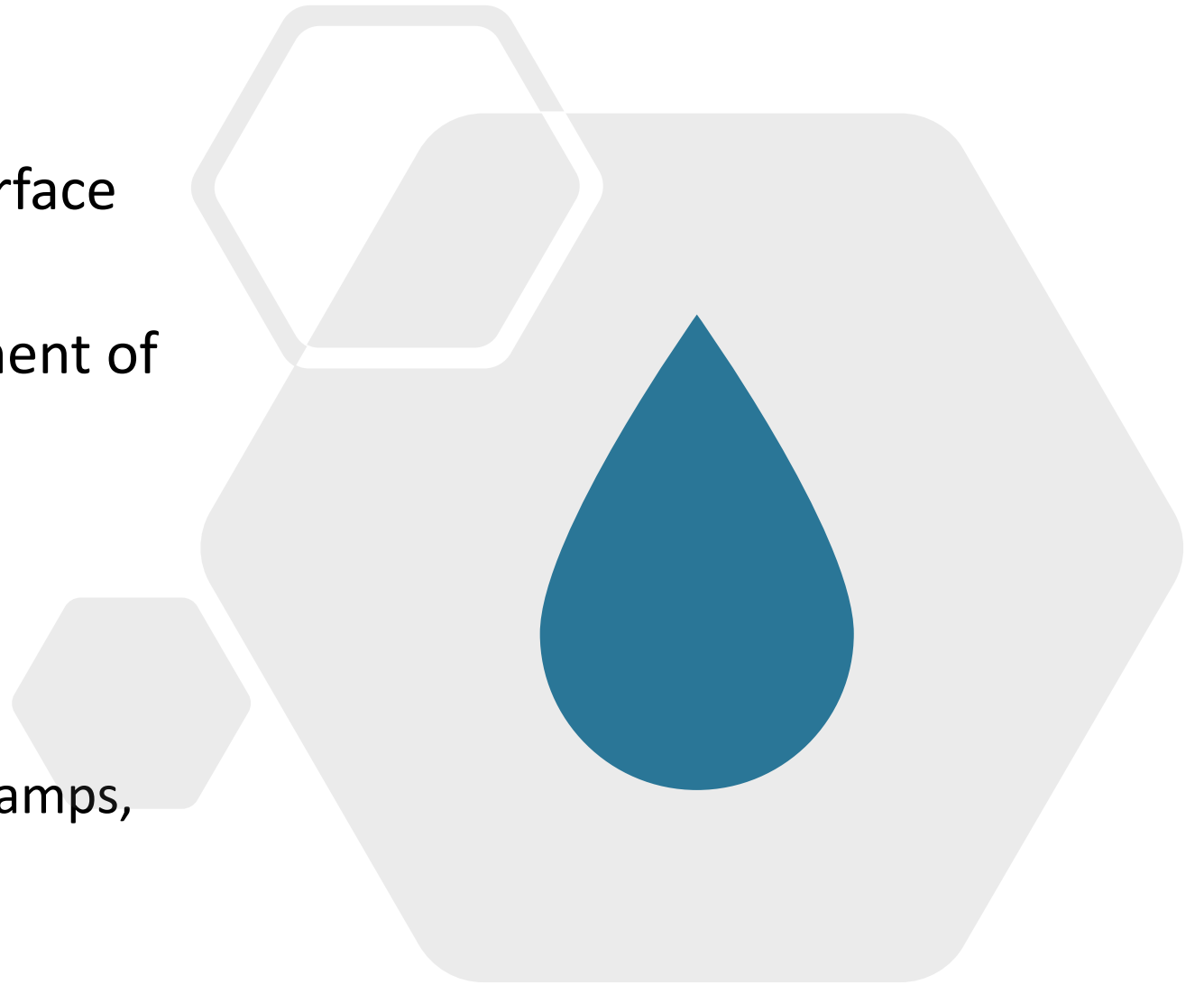


Water System Issues



Water Quality

- Out-of-compliance with the Surface Water Treatment Rule
- Does not maintain 4-log treatment of viruses
- Escalating enforcement actions
- **Public health hazard:**
 - Pathogen contamination
 - **Effects:** Diarrhea, vomiting, cramps, nausea, fever, etc.



Infrastructure Needs

- Six Acres' sole source, Well 02, is located on the other side of Highway 101, making major repairs and maintenance work difficult.
 - Six Acres needs another approved source to be permitted.
- There is no well completion report for Well 02.
 - Important infrastructure and construction information about the well is unknown.

Managerial Limitations

- Lack of financial capacity to implement solutions
- In danger of losing certified operator



Consolidation & Administrator Overview

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Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
Division of Drinking Water, SAFER

Mandatory Consolidation – What Does It Mean?

- State law requires mandatory consolidation be between two public water systems.
- The Six Acres Water Company would be owned and operated by the City of Cloverdale.



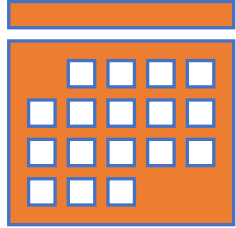
Why is the State Board Taking This Action?

- Physical Deficiencies
- Water Quality Issues
- Managerial Issues

- **State Board has determined that Six Acres Water Company can not reliably provide safe and affordable water to its customers.**



Consolidation Process



Six-months for voluntary consolidation agreement.



Public Meeting



Appoint a **Full-Scope Administrator** to take legal control of the water system.

Consolidation Process



Second Public Meeting



Transfer of Water System to City of
Cloverdale



Complete Necessary Improvements

What is a Full Scope Administrator?

- A person or entity who is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system
 - Shall have all necessary licenses and certifications for scope of appointment
 - Shall have sufficient experience for scope of appointment
 - Shall be subject to a background check.





ADMINISTRATORS



Administrator Authority

- **Applicability:**
 - A public water system or state small water system that serves a disadvantaged community and that the state board finds consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water.
- **Policy Handbook:**
 - bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator_Handbook

Administrator Appointment Process



Potential Administrator for Six Acres Water Company

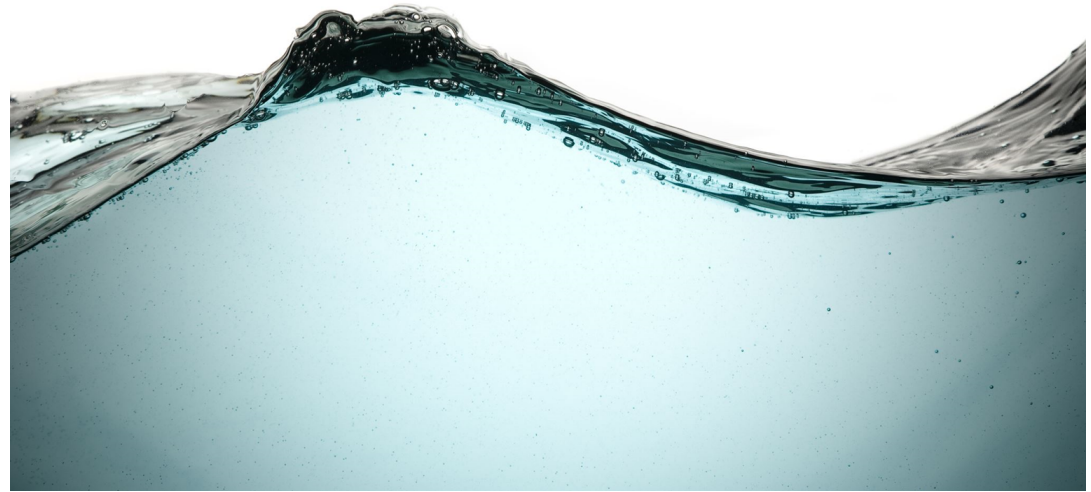
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Qualifications:

- Over 37 years of experience in public works
- Has been responsible for engineering and administrative projects throughout Northern California
- Registered Civil Engineer
- Well versed in managerial, technical, operational, and legal components of a water system



Administrator: Scope of Work and Ultimate Goals



- **The Administrator will take legal control of the water system. The Administrator will:**
 - Oversee the process of consolidation
 - Address financial limitations of the water system and apply to the State Water Board for the funding to make the necessary improvements to the water system
 - Ensure that the system is operated by a certified distribution system operator until consolidation is complete
 - Keep customers informed of the consolidation and improvement project status on a regular basis

Community Accountability and Engagement Plan

- Administrator develops within 90 days
- Public meetings at least once every three (3) months
 - Provide 10-day notice
 - Opportunity for public comment
- Community involvement
- Public access to records



Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

1. **Identify** and evaluate technical, managerial, and financial issues
2. **Plan** to address technical, managerial, and financial issues
3. **Identify** and evaluate potential significant future issues
4. **Identify** needed resources
5. **Evaluate** governance feasibility
6. **Evaluate** feasibility of connecting to or consolidating with another system



Administrator Funding

State Water Board will be responsible for:

- Salary and benefits for Administrator
- Administrative costs attributed solely to Administrator (working space, phones, furniture)
- Legal, accounting and other similar managerial fees

Funding may be available for:

- Construction and planning projects
- Ongoing operation and maintenance costs

Stakeholder and Community Input



Community members may submit a petition to the State Water Board for reversal or modification of a decision of an administrator or substitution of the administrator



Must be received by the State Board within 30 days of date of administrator's decision



State Board will review and act on the petition



Goals

- Safe and reliable drinking water
- Complete necessary improvements
- Maintain public engagement
- Oversee implementation of long-term consolidation solution



Six Acres Water Company *Public Comments/Questions*

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Online Participation

Public Comments or Questions:

- Raise Virtual Hand – Verbal Comments/Questions OR
- Add it to the Chat function

OR

- Email the following to safer@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Your name and affiliation,
 - Last 3 digits of your phone number,
 - If you'd like to read your comment yourself,
 - Subject: "Six Acres Public Comment"

Phone Call-in Participation

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Participation Instructions

When your name is called, share your...

- First and last name
- Affiliation
- Where you are calling in from
- Concise question or comment (*3 minutes max*)

Comments? Questions?

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Next Steps and Closing

Next Steps

- Public Comment Deadline – July 6, 2021
- Written comments and questions can be mailed or emailed to:

Brian Kidwell

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31 E Channel Street

Stockton, CA 95202

OR

DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

OR (209) 948-3963

- Administrator FAQ – visit the Water Board website at:
waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/administrator.html

Thank you!
Contact us!

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