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California's Water Supply Strategy

Division of Water Quality staff is continuing to develop a document in collaboration with the Desalination Interagency Group in accordance with the following implementation action in the [California Water Supply Strategy](#):

“The State will help streamline and expedite permitting to provide better clarity and certainty to further desalination projects. To this end, by June 30, 2023, the State Water Board, Coastal Commission, Department of Water Resources and other State entities (e.g., State Lands Commission) will develop criteria for siting of desalination facilities along the coast and recommend new standards to facilitate approval.”

Division of Water Quality staff plan to release the draft document for public comment in June 2023. More information is available at the [Seawater Desalination Program webpage](#).

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/desalination/).

Division of Drinking Water (DDW) staff is preparing the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) regulatory package necessary to initiate the rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). 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 May-June 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 July 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](#).

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Volumetric Annual Reporting of Wastewater and Recycled Water

The 2022 Volumetric Annual Report module opened for data submittal in January 2023 and can be accessed through the [GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information \(ESI\) portal](#) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/esi>). Staff emailed reporting reminders to facilities between January and April. Applicable wastewater and recycled water permittees were required to submit the 2022 Volumetric Annual Report through the volumetric annual report module in GeoTracker by **April 30, 2023**. The deadline has passed, and outstanding reports may be subject to an enforcement action if not submitted.

The 2022 Volumetric Annual Report requires the entry of volumes in acre-feet per month for influent, effluent and if applicable, recycled water use. The 2022 reporting

year module now includes an optional question for potential future increases to recycled water production that will be used to inform State Water Board-led actions in the [California Water Supply Strategy](#).

Additional information, including the Help Guide and Webinar training for submitting the Volumetric Annual Report, and data, infographics, and interactive map for 2019-2021 can be found on the [Volumetric Reporting webpage](#).

Standardization of Municipal Stormwater Cost Reporting

The Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) Unit is developing a proposed [Policy for Standardization of Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits](#), which aims to establish consistent and transparent methods for estimating and reporting Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit costs. Division of Water Quality staff is currently working with a group of Phase I and traditional Phase II MS4 permittees to beta test a proposed cost reporting system that will allow permittees to report expenditures related to the implementation of MS4 permits. Informational meetings were held for interested beta testing volunteers on April 10 and 13, 2023, and the beta testing period began on May 1, 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

Russian River and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) Watershed Emergency Regulation Updates On March 29, 2023, all orders issued pursuant to the drought emergency regulation in the Russian River watershed were rescinded. Subsequently, on April 3, 2023, all orders imposing water right curtailment and reporting requirements issued pursuant to the emergency curtailment and reporting regulation for the Delta watershed were rescinded. As a result of these rescissions, water right holders and claimants are no longer subject to curtailment requirements under the drought emergency regulation for either the Russian River or Delta Watersheds. This includes checking curtailment statuses, enhanced reporting for larger rights and claims, and reporting for human health and safety exceptions. Pending requests for an exception to curtailment are similarly no longer necessary and are now considered closed. The rescission does not eliminate ongoing or pending enforcement actions for past violations and related settlements. The emergency regulation for the Russian River watershed

remains in effect until it expires on June 1, 2023. The emergency regulation for the Delta watershed remains in effect until it expires on August 14, 2023.

Delta Watershed Curtailment Methodology Update On Friday April 14, 2023, the written public comment period closed following the March 10, 2023, Staff Workshop on Potential Legal Delta and Return Flow Water Supply Refinements to the Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed. At the request of interested parties, Board staff have been conducting additional meetings to answer technical questions and receive input regarding the workshop topics. After consideration of the public comments, Board staff may finalize updates to the Methodology and release an updated version of the summary report and associated documents as appropriate for future use. Although curtailment requirements for the Delta were rescinded on April 3, 2023, the curtailment methodology work was already underway and review of public comments is critical work for future drought actions.

Additional information is available at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/delta/ and www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/russian_river/.

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 [Addendum 1](#) to [Order WR 2022-0162-DWR](#) and [Addendum 1](#) to [Order WR 2022-0167-DWR](#) 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 125 cfs (March 1 -24), 105 cfs (March 25-31), and 70 cfs through April, at the [Yreka United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) gage](#) (see [Addendum 11](#) to [Order WR-2021-0082-DWR](#)). The temporary suspension will expire at end of April 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 Yreka USGS gage.
- *Scott River.* On April 14, 2023, the suspension of curtailments in the Scott River watershed was extended through May 2, 2023 ([Addendum 47](#)). Curtailments were initially suspended for the fall/winter 2022 period on December 27, 2022, under [Addendum 36](#), which suspended curtailments in the Scott River watershed through January 4, 2023. The duration of each curtailment suspension is informed by monitoring of current and forecasted hydrology and water demand. The flow requirement for the Scott River watershed is 200 cfs for January through March and 150 cfs in April and May, at the [Fort Jones USGS gage](#). 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.
- *Inefficient Livestock Watering Prohibition.* The Drought Emergency Regulation includes requirements prohibiting inefficient livestock watering

diversions (predominantly from long leaky ditches) from September 1 through March 31. The prohibition on inefficient livestock watering is not in effect at this time.

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/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/).

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Measurement and Monitoring Regulation Workshop On April 24, 2023, a workshop was held in Clear Lake to educate water right holders on water right diversion measurement and monitoring regulations (SB 88). This workshop was planned in coordination with the Lake County Farm Bureau, the Lake County Winegrape Commission, and the Clear Lake Land Stewards.

Enforcement Documents Issued by the Division of Water Rights The Enforcement Sections regularly update the websites below with the most recently issued drought-related and non-cannabis enforcement actions:

[Information Orders](#)

[Notices of Violation](#)

[Cease and Desist Orders](#)

[Administrative Civil Liabilities](#)

Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch

Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced (STM) Working Group Meeting on Biological Goals On April 21, 2023, State Water Board staff held its fourth STM meeting to discuss the 2nd revised draft biological goals for Lower San Joaquin River salmonids that are required to be developed pursuant to 2018 updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. When finalized, the biological goals are intended to inform implementation of the 2018 updates to the Lower San Joaquin River flow objectives and future updates to the Bay-Delta Plan for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife. The STM workgroup is comprised of representatives from agencies and non-governmental groups to provide input on implementation actions related to the updated Lower San Joaquin River flow objectives, including biological goals. Based on input from the STM and public comments, State Water Board staff revised the draft biological goals and released the 2nd Revised Draft Initial Biological Goals for the Lower San Joaquin River report for public review and comment on April 10, 2023. A Board workshop is scheduled for May 3, 2023, on the biological goals to provide an opportunity for additional input from the public, including STM members.

Notice of Preparation of Environmental Documentation, Scoping Meeting, and Tribal Consultation for Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement On April 11, 2023, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Preparation \(NOP\)](#) and notice of scoping meeting for preparation of environmental documentation, as well as a [letter inviting Tribal consultation](#), for possible amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the

San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) to incorporate a Voluntary Agreement for the Tuolumne River. The scoping meeting is planned to occur on May 18, 2023. The purpose of the NOP and scoping meeting is: (1) to advise public agencies, California Native American tribes, and members of the public, that the State Water Board will be the lead agency and is initiating preparation of environmental documentation to support decision making for consideration of potential updates to the Bay-Delta Plan to incorporate a proposed voluntary agreement for the Tuolumne River; and (2) to solicit input from public agencies, California Native American tribes, and members of the public on the range of project actions; reasonable alternatives; reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance; significant environmental issues; cumulative impacts, if any; and mitigation measures that will reduce impacts to a less than significant level that should be considered in the potential Bay-Delta Plan update to consider incorporating the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement.

Written comments to the NOP must be received by May 25, 2023.

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

Water Telemetry Technical Group Approximately 50 people were invited to join a technical group to discuss the topic of conducting and reporting water telemetry data. Approximately 18 people elected to join the group. The first of three meetings is scheduled for April 19, 2023. As background, the purpose of the group is to gather information to support the Updating Water Rights Data for California (UPWARD) project and improve mandatory water use reporting compliance. The group will also provide a forum for Water Rights staff to form and enhance relationships with the water use data community. Information will primarily be gathered from group members through a questionnaire, with follow up information provided during meetings.

2023 California Tribal Water Summit On April 11-13, 2023, Water Quality Certification Program staff attended the 2023 California Tribal Water Summit and spoke at a Workshop Session focused on how California Native American Tribes can better engage during the Federal Energy Regulation Commission relicensing process. Other speakers at the session included representatives from the Dunlap Band of Mono, North Fork Mono Tribe, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, United States Forest Service, and the State Historic Preservation Office.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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 March 2023.

| Drinking Water Projects Funded (March 2023) | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| Project # | Recipient – Project Purpose | Funding Amount |
| 5310001-012P | Weaverville CSD - The District will evaluate improvements to the East Weaver Water Treatment Plant (EWWTP) such as their direct filtration process and consider different types of storage tanks to replace the failing bolted steel tank. | \$733,000 |

| Drinking Water Projects Amended (March 2023) | |
|---|--|
| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose |
| 1710013-003C | Callayomi County Water District – The purpose of this amendment is to extend completion dates. |
| 2010008-003C | Madera, County of (MD10A - Madera Ranchos) – The purpose of this amendment is to extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$5,283,705. |
| 1000577-001C | Kings Canyon Unified School District – The purpose of the amendment is to increase funding by \$2,002,105 |
| 1010044-001C | Huron, City of - The purpose of the amendment is to increase funding by \$3,030,542. |
| 5510009-003C | Groveland Community Services District - The purpose of this amendment is to extend completion dates. |
| 2010010-001P | Madera Valley Water Company - The purpose of this amendment is to extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$676,623. |
| 2000597-001P | Alview-Dairyland Union School District - The purpose of this amendment is to extend completion dates. |
| 5200534-004P | Paskenta Community Services District - The purpose of this amendment is to extend completion dates. |
| 2000567-002C | Yosemite Unified School District - The purpose of this amendment is to extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$742,929. |
| 5400544-001C | Allensworth Community Services District - The purpose of this amendment is to extend completion dates. |

| Wastewater Projects Funded (March 2023) | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Project # | Recipient – Project Purpose | Funding Amount |
| None | | |

| Wastewater Projects Amended (March 2023) | |
|---|--|
| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose |
| 8529-110 | Eastern Municipal Water District – The purpose of this amendment is to extend agreement dates. |
| 8586-110 | County of Kings – The purpose of this amendment is to extend agreement dates. |

Administrator Summary

The table below summarizes the administrator agreements and amendments approved in the month of March 2023.

| Administrator Projects Amended (March 2023) | |
|--|---|
| Project # | Recipient – Amendment Purpose |
| D2018204 | Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. (Administrator Master Agreement) – The purpose of this amendment is to extend agreement dates and increase funding by \$15,298,737. |

Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

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

Technical Assistance Summary

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

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

| Work Plan Type | AR Number | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| New | 6393-A | Pike Ranch Mutual Water Company | Full planning and submittal of DWSRF construction funding application | SHE (SAFER) | DW | \$194,653 |

| Work Plan Type | AR Number | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|---|---------------------|----------------|--|
| New | 6765-A | Ceres Unified/Westport School | Full planning and submittal of DWSRF construction funding application | SHE (SAFER) | DW | \$308,682 |
| Amendment | 5384-B | Midway Community Services District | Submittal of a CWSRF planning application | SHE (Prop. 1) | WW | \$42,300 (\$5,100 funding increase) |
| Amendment | 5385-B | South Dos Palos | Submittal of a CWSRF planning application | SHE (Prop. 1) | WW | \$39,800 (\$2,900 funding increase) |
| Amendment | 5402-B | Alview Elementary School | Submittal of a DWSRF planning application and submittal of a DWSRF construction application | SHE (Prop. 1) | DW | \$45,100 (\$20,100 funding increase) |
| Amendment | 5392-C | Monterey Park Tract Community Services District | Submittal of a CWSRF planning application | SHE (Prop. 1) | WW | \$94,100 (\$62,468 funding increase) |
| Amendment | 5295-D | Tombstone Territory | DWSRF Construction application assistance and assistance obtaining easements | SHE (Prop. 1) | DW | \$262,700 (\$87,300 funding increase) |
| New | 6642-A | Fairmead (MD-33) | Community outreach, consolidation interest survey, and private well testing | SHE (SAFER) | DW | \$82,928 |
| New | 6762-A | Stanislaus Union School District | Full planning and submittal of DWSRF construction funding application | SHE (SAFER) | DW | \$375,120 |
| New | 6805-A | Lanare Community Services District | Feasibility study to evaluate the potential for consolidation | SHE (SAFER) | DW | \$119,738 |
| Amendment | 5227-F | Tract 92 Community Services District | Preparation of DWSRF Construction application and grant administration | SHE (SAFER) | DW | \$331,100 (Funding increase \$331,100) |

| Work Plan Type | AR Number | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Amendment | 5101-B | Coulterville CSA (Water & Sewer) | Feasibility study to explore managerial consolidation | SHE (Prop.1) | DW/WW | \$52,305 (Funding increase \$7,305) |
| Amendment | 6442-C | Ione Band of Miwok Indians | Assist with planning project to connect Jackson Valley Irrigation District | UEI (SAFER) | DW | \$389,632 (\$78,291 Increase) |
| New | 6825-A | Cross Rd Villa Colonial | Community outreach for potential project to connect residents to the City of El Centro for drinking water service | RCAC (SAFER) | DW | \$19,286 |
| Amendment | 6392-B | Guatay MBC | Feasibility study to address uranium contamination | RCAC (SAFER) | DW | \$75,732 (\$3,929 increase) |
| Amendment | 6420-B | Halcyon Water System | Feasibility study to explore alternatives | RCAC (SAFER) | DW | \$79,119 (\$20,211 increase) |
| Amendment | 6630-B | Rancho Calimesa MHP | Feasibility study to explore consolidation with Yucaipa Valley WD | CRWA (SAFER) | DW | \$55,880 |
| Amendment | 6636-D | Brookside Estates MWC | Feasibility study to explore voluntary consolidation with the City of Bishop | CRWA (SAFER) | DW | \$72,807 |
| Amendment | 6142-C | Martin's MHC | Assist with planning project to consolidate Martin's MHC with the City of Newman | UEI (SAFER) | DW | \$297,675 (No Increase) |
| New | 6425-A | City of Portola DW | Assist City of Portola with distribution system upgrades | UEI (SAFER) | DW | \$591,978 |
| Amendment | 5882-B | Fuller Acres WW | Community outreach and consolidation coordination to connect Fuller Acres residents to Lamont PUD sewer service | LCJA | WW | \$31,590 (\$5,030 increase) |
| New | 6426-A | City of Portola WW | Assist City of Portola with collection | UEI (Prop 1) | WW | \$374,339 |

| Work Plan Type | AR Number | TA Recipient | Project Description | TA Provider* | TA Type | Total Amount Approved |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| | | | system upgrades to prevent excess I&I | | | |
| New | 6693-A | Jonata ROA | Assist Jonata with feasibility study to address arsenic and selenium | UEI (SAFER) | DW | \$48,520 |
| Amendment | 5912-C | Pescadero High School | Assist with planning project to connect with San Mateo County Service Area, CSA-11 | UEI (Prop 1) | DW | \$520,109 (\$54,463 Increase) |
| Amendment | 6212-C | Camp Loma Mar | Assist with planning project to address compliance issues with the treatment system | UEI (SAFER) | DW | \$247,039 (\$76,778 Increase) |
| Amendment | 6668-B | Napa County Schools – Pope Valley | Assist with the Pilot test to address long term system treatment needs | UEI (SAFER) | DW | \$414,704 (\$71,783 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

** 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 |
|-----------|----------------|--|-------------|---------|
| 6905 | Butte City CSD | Assist with electronic Annual Report (eAR) | RCAC | DW |
| 6906 | Bucktail MWC | Assist with electronic Annual Report (eAR) | RCAC | DW |
| 6907 | Las Deltas | Backflow testing DDW paperwork preparation | SHE | 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 Drinking Water List of All Approved Projects March 2023 | | | | |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Recipient | Project Purpose | Funding Amount | Funding Program | Category |
| Valenzuela Family Trust | Replacement of an ion exchange system to treat nitrate contamination | \$20,000 | CAA | Treatment system |
| City of Blythe – Mesa Ranch | Replacement of a failing storage tank | \$500,000 | SADW | Treatment System |
| Tule Basin Water Foundation | To implement an expanded domestic well sampling program and provide interim solutions Such as. bottled water and point of use treatment | \$4,528,822 | SAFER | Well Sampling / POU |
| Elk Creek Community Service District | Provide potable water to each resident/service connection for each month that the manganese is elevated over approximately 500 ug/L | \$148,380 | SADW | Bottled Water Service |
| Self Help Enterprises | Dry Well Tanks and Hauling Program. The Project provides | \$10,975,000 | General Fund | Hauled Water Services |

| SAFER Drinking Water List of All Approved Projects March 2023 | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recipient | Project Purpose | Funding Amount | Funding Program | Category |
| | funding to implement a program to purchase and deliver temporary water storage tanks and hauled potable drinking water to households that have lost their water supply because of dry wells as well as wells failing to meet health and safety needs. | | | |
| Winton Water & Sanitary District | The overall Project consists of Phases 1 through 5 to complete necessary improvements to meet 1,2,3-TCP compliance. The District received \$6,239,000 from a 1,2,3-TCP settlement. This approval is to address the funding shortfall for Phase 2. | \$939,000 | SADW | Construction |
| Rural Community Assistance Corp | The program will replace private domestic drinking water wells for households between 80% - 150% of the MHI based on a sliding scale (mix of grant and loan). | \$7,025,000 | General Fund | Well Replacement/Repair |

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)

The table below summarizes CAA projects approved in the month of March 2023.

| CAA List of All Approved Projects March 2023 | | | | |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Recipient | Project Purpose | Funding Amount | Funding Program | Category |
| Winterhaven County Water District | Wastewater pumping and hauling while repairs are made to the sewer force main | \$150,000 | CAA | Wastewater pumping and hauling |

Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program

No updates for the month of March 2023.

US-Mexico Border Rivers Program

In January 2023, the Division of Financial Assistance executed a grant agreement with the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$18.5 million to supplement the City of Calexico's New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach (Project). The Project will build several structures along the New River, which flows across the US-Mexico border, to remove trash and other contaminants from the water. A groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the Project is planned for May 26, 2023. The Secretaries of the CalEPA and California Natural Resources Agency, as well as Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, are expected to attend.

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 April 5, 2023, the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program (DWOCP) held its semi-annual Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting was hosted by California-Nevada Section of American Water Works Association (CA-NV AWWA) at the Spring Conference in San Diego, CA. This meeting is attended by water industry professionals and provides an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program. In addition to DWOCP program updates, the sub work groups formed in response to the Issues and Recommendations paper provided by CA-NV AWWA and California Water Environment Association (CWEA), provided updates on the subjects listed below:

The sub workgroup updates include:

1. **AB 1588** - Reviewing military education and experience in comparison to the regulations of Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification.
2. **Guidelines of Reporting Drinking Water Operator Experience** – Developing proposed recommendations that include revisions of drinking water operator certification application and required documents and amending legislation to clarify operator certification experience.
3. **One-Water Regime** – Developing proposed recommendations to amend legislation allowing certified operators to fulfill experience requirements while working at facilities that utilize advanced treatment processes.
4. **Wastewater OIT Requirements/Experience** – Developing proposed recommendations to amend legislation pertaining to the OIT requirements for wastewater treatment operators.

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 update, edit, and monitor their applications. This will be a phased approach, starting with lower-level examination applications. The interactive online application portal-phase 1 will be implemented by July 2023.

Program Support Unit

The Program Support Unit marketing analyst coordinated with the Office of Public Participation to provide funding information for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund at the 2023 California Tribal Summit sponsored by the Department of Water Resources. The summit was held in Sacramento from April 11-13, 2023, at the California Natural Resources Building.

The summit is a unique opportunity to bring together Tribal leaders, water managers, and community members to discuss the critical issues surrounding water management on Tribal lands. The purpose of the summit is to provide a platform for discussion, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving and to discuss how Tribal recommendations can align with current state policies.

Attendees benefited by hearing about State Water Board financial assistant programs to assist state and federally recognized California Native American Tribes to help protect and improve California's waters.

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may 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 30 permits were issued between March 16, 2023, and April 15, 2023.

| Water System | Permit Type | Permit Purpose |
|--|--------------------|---|
| EVERGREEN LODGE | FULL PERMIT | REVISED PERMIT - ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS |
| CITY OF SANTA ANA | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | CHANGE STATUS WELL 35 ACTIVE TO STANDBY |
| MORRO BAY PW DEPT - WATER DIVISION | FULL PERMIT | BLANCA TANKS REPLACEMENT AND PERMIT UPDATE |
| SONOMA MOUNTAIN ZEN CENTER | FULL PERMIT | 2023 REVISED PERMIT |
| FOREST LAKES MWC | FULL PERMIT | REISSUANCE OF FULL SYSTEM PERMIT |
| CAMP PENDLETON (SOUTH) | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | REVISED CONDITION 27 OF PERMIT AMENDMENT |
| DWR - SAN LUIS DIVISION O&M | FULL PERMIT | REVISED PERMIT - ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS |
| AWA, IONE | FULL PERMIT | 2023 FULL PERMIT |
| MONTEREY PARK-CITY, WATER DEPT. | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADD CENTRALIZED GROUNDWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM |
| GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY-CYPRESS RIDGE | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | CR TANK 2 REPLACEMENT |
| CHORRO VALLEY PIPELINE - SLO COUNTY | FULL PERMIT | NEW WATER SYSTEM PERMIT |
| MONTEBELLO-CITY, WATER DEPT. | FULL PERMIT | CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP |
| PACIFIC UNION PACKING | FULL PERMIT | ADDITION OF CLORINATION TREATMENT AND CURRENT OPS |
| FAMOSO NUT COMPANY | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADDING POE & POU FOR UR & TCP |
| WOODVILLE FARM LABOR CENTER | FULL PERMIT | REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS |

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| RJ'S TRAVEL CENTER | FULL PERMIT | REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS |
| LAKERIDGE CAMPING/BOATING RSRT | FULL PERMIT | UPDATED PERMIT |
| SJRP OWL HOLLOW | FULL PERMIT | NEW WATER SYSTEM |
| QUESADILLA GORILLA | FULL PERMIT | NEW WATER SYSTEM |
| TRIPLE R MUTUAL WATER CO | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | POU REVERSE OSMOSIS DEVICES |
| HIDDEN FALLS GIRL SCOUT CAMP | FULL PERMIT | FULL PERMIT |
| CENTRAL CA WOMENS FACILITY | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | REPRESENTATIVE CHANGE AND ARSENIC BLENDING TRT IMPLEMENTED |
| REDLANDS CITY MUD-WATER DIV | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | ADDITION OF NEW REES WELL |
| LONG BEACH-CITY, WATER DEPT. | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | NEW WELL - COMMISSION WELL 22A |
| USFS - HUNGRY & BOULDER GULCH CAMPGROUND | FULL PERMIT | FULL WATER SUPPLY PERMIT |
| LEISURE PINES MUTUAL WATER CO | FULL PERMIT | REVISED PERMIT - ELIMINATION OF SYSTEMS EMERGENCY CONNECTION |
| CAMP LIAHONA REDWOODS | FULL PERMIT | REVISED EXPIRED PERMIT |
| DONUM ESTATE WATER SYSTEM | PERMIT AMENDMENTS | CHANGE IN TREATMENT - ADD OZONATION |
| CASINI RANCH CAMPGROUND | FULL PERMIT | HYPOCHLORINATION TO ACHIEVE 4-LOG VIRUS TREATMENT |
| RIVERSTONE/ROOTCREEK WATER DISTRICT | FULL PERMIT | NEW WELL NO.5, DESTRUCTION OF WELL NO.4, REQ TO ADD 401 SVC CONNECTIONS |

On March 23, 2023, the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) issued a domestic water supply permit amendment No. 1910092PA-011 to the City of Monterey Park Water Department for adding Centralized Groundwater Treatment System (CGTS) as an approved treatment facility for treating groundwater from Wells 5, 9, 12, and 15. These wells are designated as extremely impaired sources pursuant to DDW's Process Memo 97-005 due to the presence of contaminants. The new CGTS facility which replaces existing and decommissioned treatment systems, includes Ultraviolet Light Advanced Oxidation Process System with hydrogen peroxide (UV/AOP) and a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) system to treat groundwater for removal of Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOC), 1,4, Dioxane, and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS)

compounds. The new CGTS facility will enable the City to increase the combined production from the above-mentioned wells from 5,700 gallons per minute (gpm) to 7,400 gpm, which is a net 2,740 AFY increase in local groundwater supply.

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 between March 16 and April 15, 2023.

| Public Water System | Violation | Contaminant or Rule |
|--|------------|---|
| BEN LOMOND CONSERVATION CAMP | Other | BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION |
| BEN LOMOND CONSERVATION CAMP | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| BEN LOMOND CONSERVATION CAMP | MCL | CHLORINE |
| BEN LOMOND CONSERVATION CAMP | Monitoring | LCR |
| CAL AMERICAN WATER CO | Monitoring | RTCR |
| CIOTTI CELLARS | Monitoring | RTCR |
| COLUMBIA MOBILE HOME PARK | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| COUNTY OF MONTEREY-LAKE NACIMIENTO | MCL | TTHM |
| CREW WINE COMPANY | MCL | ARSENIC |
| CSP-PFEIFFER BIG SUR | Other | BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION |
| DAVIS JUSD - FAIRFIELD SCHOOL | MCL | NITRATE |
| DELANO FARMS | MCL | NITRATE |
| DHS BORDER PATROL I-8 CHECKPOINT | Monitoring | LCR |
| EAST OROSI COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT | MCL | NITRATE |
| EVERGREEN LODGE | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| FERN GROVE WATER CLUB | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| FISHCAMP MUTUAL WATER COMPANY | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| GOLD ROCK RANCH | Monitoring | LCR |

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| JENNESS PARK CHRISTIAN CAMP | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF THE SIERRA | Monitoring | RTCR |
| JOSEPH GALLO CHEESE CO. | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| LARSEN RANCH 39-40/WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | RTCR |
| LUCICH FARMS COLD STORAGE LLC WATER SYS. | MCL | NITRATE |
| LUPIN LODGE | Reporting | SWTR |
| MI WUK VILLAGE MUT WTR CO | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| MITCHELLS CAMP FAMILY ASSOC. | MCL | ARSENIC |
| MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSN. | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| NPS-ASH MOUNTAIN | Other | VIOLATION OF A PERMIT PROVISION |
| OCEANSIDE, CITY OF | Other | BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION |
| PETERS FRUIT FARMS, INC | Other | PUBLIC NOTICE |
| RICHARDSON BEARDSLEY PARK INC. | Monitoring | LCR |
| RIDGEVIEW ESTATES MWC | Monitoring | RTCR |
| RINCON WATER & ROAD WORKS | MCL | HAA5 |
| SACRED MOUNTAIN INN | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| SANTA CLARA RESOURCES | MCL | TTHM |
| ST FRANCIS TRACT WATER SYSTEM | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| USFS - CHUCHUPATE RANGER STATION | Monitoring | HAA5 |
| USFS - CHUCHUPATE RANGER STATION | Monitoring | TTHM |
| VENTURA WWD NO. 8 - SIMI VALLEY | Monitoring | NITRATE |
| WHITMORE UNION ELEM SCHOOL | Monitoring | RTCR |
| Total Violations | 40 | |

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

Accreditation Activities

| ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | March 15 – April 15, 2023 | January 1 - April 15, 2023 |
| New Accreditations | 0 | 4 |
| Renewed Accreditations | 19 | 74 |
| Reciprocity Accreditations | 4 | 28 |
| Amended Accreditations | 16 | 48 |
| Total | 39 | 154 |

DDW & DWQ PFAS Strategy Team

ELAP continues to regularly participate in the multi-divisional strategy team for regulation of PFAS, offers two US EPA methods for analysis of PFAS in drinking water, EPA 537.1 and EPA 533, and continues to offer accreditation to the DoD Quality Systems Manual version 5.1 (or newer).

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.

ELAP Presentations at Advocacy Groups

ELAP staff presented at BACWA's laboratory committee group on April 11 and will present at the CWEA conference on April 20. Both presentations are focused on the regulatory change in 2024, where the 2016 TNI standard incorporated by reference becomes the regulatory requirement. Additional guidance is presented on the Clean Water Act method changes, and how laboratories can obtain accreditation to the new methods.

ELAPCon 2023

ELAP announced its third annual virtual conference to be held May 31st – June 1st. As of April 18, 2023, ELAP has approximately 250 registrants. The theme this year is “Ready to Launch”, in anticipation of TNI requirements in ELAP regulations that will take effect January 2024. The conference will feature programming from ELAP staff, ELTAC members, and laboratory professionals to provide information and resources to accredited laboratories preparing to comply with TNI. The keynote speaker this year is Michael Roberts, Chief Scientist of the International Space Station National Laboratory.

Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation

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.

Phase Two of the Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation will focus on increasing laboratory knowledge of regulatory requirements for proficiency testing, on-site assessments, and application requirements.

TNI Early Adopters Recognition Initiative

ELAP recognizes approximately 100 laboratories that have proactively implemented the TNI Standard quality management system before the required compliance date of January 1, 2024. Each laboratory received a certificate of recognition to show their governing bodies and the communities/clients they serve. Their success was announced to the community via an email blast posted to the [Roadmap To ELAP Accreditation](#) webpage.

DDW-SAFER

SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results

| Summary Results | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------|---|
| HR2W Systems | 394 | Removed HR2W Systems | 4 |

Water Systems Removed from the HR2W List between (3/16/23 to 4/15/23)

| PWS ID | System Name | Last Status Change | County | Population |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|
| 2010005 | YOSEMITE SPRING PARK UTIL CO | 04/11/2023 | MADERA | 6,224 |

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|---------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------|
| 3610064 | EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT | 03/16/2023 | SAN BERNARDINO | 103,818 |
| 4110012 | CUESTA LA HONDA GUILD INC | 04/04/2023 | SAN MATEO | 832 |
| 5400670 | TRIPLE R MUTUAL WATER CO | 03/17/2023 | TULARE | 408 |

Water Systems Added to the HR2W List between March 16 and April 15, 2023

| PWS ID | System Name | Last Status Change | County | Population |
|---------|--|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1300555 | MITCHELLS CAMP FAMILY ASSOC. | 03/17/2023 | IMPERIAL | 175 |
| 1500579 | LIFE WATER CO-OP | 04/01/2023 | KERN | 27 |
| 1510036 | INYOKERN CSD | 04/01/2023 | KERN | 805 |
| 1900942 | ALPINE SPRINGS MOBILE HOME PARK | 04/01/2023 | LOS ANGELES | 175 |
| 5601137 | RINCON WATER & ROAD WORKS | 03/27/2023 | VENTURA | 25 |

SAFER Engagement Units

The Northern Engagement Unit facilitated two regional consolidation projects which DWR awarded grants totaling over \$17 million. The first grant to San Benito County totals \$13.2 million for Sunnyslope County Water District to consolidate four small systems. The second grant to Cal Water Service totals \$4.2 million to consolidate six small water systems just north of Salinas in Monterey County.

Completed Consolidations

The following consolidation was completed between March 16 and April 15, 2023.

| Name | Type | Pop. | Conn. | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|-------|--|
| Altman Plants WS #06 - ESP 384 | NTNC | 25 | 1 | Consolidated with Altman Plants # 4, privately funded. |

Direct Potable Reuse Regulation Update

Staff is preparing the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) regulatory package necessary to initiate the rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). DDW anticipates that the notice of regulatory action will be published by the Office of Administrative Law in the California Regulatory Notice Register in the May-June 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 July 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 Reuse Regulation Update

The Chrome-6 Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment (SRIA) required for this major regulation and supporting documents (e.g., Form DF-131) was submitted to the Department of Finance in December 2022 and received comments in return on 12 January 2023. DDW staff are finalizing rulemaking documents and responses to Finance's comments and coordinating with the Offices of Public Participation and Public Affairs for translation services and outreach associated with the projected May-June publication and June-July public hearing dates.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Update on Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) Fees Stakeholder Process

Staff are planning to hold the following stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2023-24 fees: June 12 – Water Quality and Water Rights and June 13 – Drinking Water and ELAP.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Public Notices

Opportunity for Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Enforcement Policy

The State Water Board will accept written comment on the proposed updates to the Water Quality Enforcement Policy in accordance with the [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment](#). Written comments must be received no later than 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on April 28, 2023.

Press Releases:

[\\$21.7 Million Penalty Proposed for Sewage Spill at Hyperion Facility](#)

The Los Angeles Regional Board issued an [administrative civil liability](#) complaint for \$21.7 million against the City of Los Angeles, which owns and operates the Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey in connection with the plant’s release of millions of gallons of raw sewage into the Pacific Ocean in July 2021.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Ken Bareilles/ Healdsburg | Failure to comply with Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R1-2022-0009, CAO R1-2022-0028, and Categorical Waiver R1-2014-0011. | \$250,981 | 3/20/2023 |

ACL Orders Issued

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 2 | St. Helena City/ St. Helena | <p>Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 exceedances of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for copper • 6 exceedances of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for copper • 6 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for total suspended solids (TSS) • 4 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS • Exceedance of the 5-sample median for total coliform • 4 exceedances of the MDEL for total coliform • Exceedance of the MDEL for total residual chlorine • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) • 2 exceedances of the AWEL for BOD • Exceedance of the AMEL for cyanide | \$147,000 (MMP – all to CAA) | 3/30/2023 |

| Region | Discharger/City | Violation(s) Addressed | ACL Order Amount | Date Issued |
|--------|--|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| 3 | South San Luis Obispo CSD/ Oceano | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the MDEL for fecal coliform • Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine | \$6,000 (all to CAA) | 3/1/2023 |
| 4 | Ken Bradbury / ML&W Co./ Montebello | MMP for the exceedance of the AMEL for TSS | \$3,000 (all to CAA) | 3/1/2023 |
| 4 | 100 N. Crescent LLC c/o Kennedy Wilson Properties Ltd/ Beverly Hills | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the AMEL for zinc • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD • Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD | \$9,000 (all to CAA) | 3/29/2023 |
| 4 | Douglas Emmett 2008, LLC / Beverly Hills | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 exceedances of the MDEL for methylene blue active substances (MBAS) • 6 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for copper | \$51,000 (all to CAA) | 3/29/2023 |
| 4 | Cedars-Sinai Medical Center/ Los Angeles | MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the AMEL for oil and grease • Exceedance of the MDEL for oil and grease • Exceedance of the AMEL for copper | \$9,000 (all to CAA) | 3/29/2023 |

Investigative Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|---|---|-------------|
| 1 | City Ventures Homebuilding Inc / Santa Rosa | Directs discharger to conduct monitoring and submit reports related to discharges from the Round Barn Village Project. | 3/17/2023 |
| 3 | ROIC California, LLC, et al./ Santa Barbara | Requires the submittal of an indoor air sampling workplan by May 23, 2023, and an indoor air sampling report by September 23, 2023, for the former Magnolia Cleaners located at 5144 Hollister Avenue in Santa Barbara. | 3/22/2023 |

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| 3 | Ca Dept of Corrections San Luis Obispo / San Luis Obispo | Technical report required to determine the circumstances that led to an unauthorized discharge of partially treated wastewater into Chorro Creek. | 3/28/2023 |
| 3 | Union Oil Company of California/ Avila Beach | Requires Unocal to conduct a PFAS investigation of soil and groundwater and submit a workplan for the investigation by May 31, 2023, for the former Unocal Avila Tank Farm located at 10 San Rafael Street in Avila Beach. | 3/29/2023 |
| 4 | Howell Family Trust/ Los Angeles | Order R4-2023-0036 requires the discharger to prepare and submit a subsurface investigation work plan and completion of a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire which provides information on past and/or present chemicals stored and used at the L&J Cleaners located at 1601 W Manchester Avenue in Los Angeles. | 3/29/2023 |
| 4 | Mr. John L. Santana and Bronze-Way Plating Corporation/ Los Angeles | Order R4-2023-0029 requires the discharger to submit a workplan to delineate vertical and lateral subsurface impact beneath the Site for soil, soil vapor, and groundwater for the Bronze-Way Plating Facility located at 3432 E. 15TH Street in Los Angeles. | 3/29/2023 |
| 5S | Reading Oil, Inc./ Colusa | Requires the submittal of a work plan to investigate the extent and mobility of the Site's petroleum constituents in groundwater and continued monitoring and reporting for the property located at 1535 Lurline Avenue in Colusa. | 3/29/2023 |
| 8 | Anaheim Extrusion Co Inc/ Anaheim | Failure to submit a Water Quality Based Corrective Action Report for exceeding Numeric Effluent Limits. 13383 Order requires the submittal of a report with potential sources, best management practices, and corrective actions necessary to meet NELs and the submittal of a revised stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). | 3/27/2023 |
| 8 | Interplex Nascal Inc/ Tustin | Failure to submit a Water Quality Based Corrective Action Report for exceeding Numeric Effluent Limits. 13383 Order requires the submittal of a report with potential sources, best management practices, and corrective actions necessary to meet NELs and the submittal of a revised stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). | 3/27/2023 |
| 9 | Surf Del Mar One, LLC and Surf Real Estate LLC/ San Diego | Failure to obtain Waste Discharge Requirements for the filling of wetlands and unauthorized discharge of stormwater from a vacant lot at the southeast corner of Via De La Valle and El Camino Real. Requires | 3/16/2023 |

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| | | information pertaining to the Dischargers' ownership and operation at the Site. | |
| 9 | Surf Real Estate LLC / San Diego | Failure to obtain Waste Discharge Requirements for the filling of wetlands and unauthorized discharge of turbid stormwater from a vacant lot north of Polo Fields. Requires information pertaining to the Dischargers' ownership and operation at the Site. | 3/16/2023 |

Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10(c) Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|---|---|-------------|
| 4 | Phillips 66 Company/ Los Angeles | Requires continued Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Program, site characterization, and remediation for the Phillips 66 Site No. 1101 located at 1004 South La Cienega Boulevard in Los Angeles. | 3/6/2023 |
| 4 | 402 Atlantic, LLC et al./ Long Beach | Requires further investigation and a Remedial Action Plan for the former Mobil Station located at 402 Atlantic Ave. in Long Beach. | 3/6/2023 |
| 4 | Alpha Assembly Solutions, Inc., et al./ Paramount | Directs the responsible parties to conduct free product monitoring and submit a remedial action plan for the former Federated-Weiner Metals located at 14350 South Garfield Avenue in Paramount. | 3/14/2023 |
| 6T | New Power Ltd LLC et al./ Boron | Notice of Responsibility and requirement for additional site assessment and the submittal of technical reports for the former JC Fennell & Sons Garage located at 27401 Twenty Mule Team Road in Boron. | 3/10/2023 |

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

| Region | Discharger/City | Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required | Date Issued |
|--------|--|---|-------------|
| 1 | Robert Gutierrez/ Mckinleyville | Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R1-2023-0007 requires the Dischargers to clean up and abate the effects of recent unpermitted timber harvesting and grading activities including the placement of slash, stumps, and the felling of trees into and near an unnamed headwater stream, tributary to Mill Creek, which flows to the Mad River. | 3/24/2023 |
| 5R | Pacific Gas & Electric Company San Ramon/ Rock Creek | CAO R5-2023-0506 requires the Dischargers to clean up and abate of discharges related resulting from the utility post-fire recovery and construction activities within the 2021 Dixie Fire perimeter. | 3/24/2023 |
| 5S | Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc/ | CAO R5-2023-0700 contains requirements for groundwater monitoring, closure, and post-closure maintenance for the White | 3/10/2023 |

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| | Sacramento County | Rock North Dump, which is located near the corner of White Rock Road and Grant Line Road in Sacramento County. | |
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Other Enforcement Actions Taken

| Region/Division | Actions Issued | Region/Division | Actions Issued |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 5 | 5S | 21 |
| 2 | 1 | 6T | 4 |
| 3 | 229 | 6V | 4 |
| 4 | 58 | 7 | 0 |
| 5F | 12 | 8 | 27 |
| 5R | 2 | 9 | 11 |

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

Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) The FHAB Program is ramping up for the summer field season. Regional Board FHAB special studies and partner monitoring programs are in the planning stages to begin monitoring as early as May of this year. These monitoring programs are partially funded with State Board FHAB Program funds.

Some interesting special studies to note include additional benthic harmful algal bloom monitoring in North Coast rivers to better understand bloom seasonality using passive samplers and targeted composite mat samples. In the San Diego Region, staff will be focusing on the Santa Margarita watershed to learn more about benthic cyanobacteria compositions and toxin production. The data from these projects will also inform public health advisories. Partner monitoring programs this field season include partnerships with Restore the Delta, Inyo County, State Parks, and Rotary Nature Center Friends of Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge.

Pre-holiday assessments will occur again this year and Regional Board FHAB Coordinators are currently planning for the first pre-Memorial Day assessment. This data will populate the [HAB webmap](#) to inform the public of any harmful algal bloom advisories at popular recreational waterbodies across the state.

California Water Quality Monitoring Council Meeting: The California Water Quality Monitoring Council will be meeting on June 1, 2023. The agenda will focus on topics centered around Groundwater Quality Monitoring. This will be a virtual meeting. For more information on the meeting, please navigate to:

https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/index.html.

To receive updates by email regarding activities of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council, subscribe online to the "[California Water Quality Monitoring Council](#) (SB1070)" emailing list under General Interest. (Enter your email address, click submit, and select the groups to which you would like to subscribe). You can also subscribe to the Monitoring Council's YouTube channel to see recordings of all the meetings <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfq3UT8xzT9In0RUWSMOrxQ>.

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

The response rate for the February 2023 Urban Water Conservation Report is 85% as of the writing of this report (349 reports submitted). Of the submitted reports, 4 were preliminary “short” reports and 345 were full reports. The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 97 billion gallons, and the statewide R-GPCD is 62 GPCD. 283 agencies report that they have evoked the state standard level 2 or higher of their water shortage contingency plan.

We received 284 water waste reports through the [Save Water](#) site.

COVID-19

The water shutoff reporting site received 5 reports for the month of March 2023.

Water Loss Performance Standards

The water loss rulemaking was finalized and the regulation became effective on April 1, 2023.

Training and Technical Services

Training Services’ Learning Management System (LMS) will go live to all staff on July 1, 2023. The current system, Go Sign Me Up, ends June 30. Over the next few months, Training Services will be sending out information announcements, updating the SharePoint site, and hold training sessions for all staff in June.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of April 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 |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| A-2817 | Petition of Doris Eastman (Petre) for Review of Water Code Section 13267 Order for 428 Haley Street, Santa Barbara; Issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board | 1/23/2023 | 4/21/2023 |
| A-2821 | Petition of Medical Device Business Services, Inc. for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R4-2023-0009 for Former Ace Medical Company Facility, 14131 and 14133 South Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board | 2/23/2023 | 5/24/2023 |
| A-2822(a) | Petition of City of Eureka for Review of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region's Failure to Issue a Draft National Permit Discharge Elimination System Permit for the Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Eureka | 3/3/2023 | 6/1/2023 |
| A-2822(b) | Petition of Ecological Rights Foundation for Review of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region's Failure to Issue a Draft National Permit Discharge Elimination System Permit for the Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Eureka | 3/9/2023 | 6/7/2023 |

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| A-2823 | Petition of AAR Corp., for Review of Water Code Section 13267 Order No. R4-2022-0274 for 3158 and 3160 El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board | 3/10/23 | 6/8/2023 |
| A-2825 | 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 |
| A-2782 | 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 coordinating within the Water Boards to develop and implement 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.

Drinking water public meetings In collaboration with DDW, OPP planned and facilitated two drinking water public meetings in March 2023. The meetings were held to discuss the regional water system consolidation of Boonville/Anderson Valley Community Services District and the consolidation of Athal Mutual Water Company with Fuller Acres Water Company. A total of 116 participants were involved. Between April and June 2023, OPP will facilitate three public meetings to designate an administrator for the Hornsbook Community Service District; consolidate Athal Mutual Water

Company and Fuller Aces Water Company; and discuss regional water system consolidation for Boonville/Anderson Valley Community Services District.

SAFER Advisory Group OPP convened a two-day SAFER Advisory Group onboarding session for new and continuing members on February 9-10, 2023. The purpose of the onboarding session was to introduce member to their roles and responsibilities, review available support and resources, and to provide an opportunity for members to get to know each other and meet State Water Board staff. Meeting topics included an overview of the SAFER Drinking Water program, Advisory Group roles and charter, legal requirements and expectations, overview of the Fund Expenditure Plan and Policy, overview of the Needs Assessment, overview of outreach and engagement efforts, a session to network, and a review of the SAFER program key 2023 dates.

OPP hosted a SAFER Advisory Group meeting on March 2, 2023. At this meeting, SAFER Advisory Group members and staff discussed the draft SAFER Workplan for 2023-25, staff provided updates on the quarterly progress made on SAFER goals, and Advisory Group members shared their own announcements. The next SAFER Advisory Group meeting will take place on May 24, 2023. The upcoming SAFER Advisory Group will discuss the following topics: draft funding process for operations and maintenance, Needs Assessment results, draft priorities for the Fund Expenditure Plan, SAFER website updates, quarterly progress updates on SAFER goals, Advisory Group Members will have the opportunity to share their own announcements, and the public will be able to provide public comments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RACIAL EQUITY

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

Implementing Assembly Bill 2108 and Racial Equity Action Plan Assembly Bill 2108 requires Water Boards staff to (1) conduct equitable, culturally relevant outreach when considering proposed discharges of waste that may have disproportionate impacts on water quality in disadvantaged communities or tribal communities; and (2) for certain actions, adopt findings related to water quality impacts in disadvantaged or tribal communities and related to environmental justice concerns. OPP developed an "Advancing Equity in Water Boards Decisions" guidance document and project plan template to support the implementation of this new law and the Racial Equity Action Plan. This guidance intends to help Water Boards staff 1) identify who could potentially be impacted by their project and 2) how to best engage that specific audience. Although the new law specifically mentions water quality projects, OPP's guidance can be used more broadly to support meaningful engagement on other Water Boards efforts. OPP is piloting these resources internally and have trained over 300 staff on using them. Once the pilot phase is complete, OPP will publish the guidance document and host public meetings to share progress on implementation of this new law and receive feedback from the public on ways we can continue to improve.

Racial Equity Data Taskforce The Office of Information Management and Analysis and OPP established the Racial Equity Data Taskforce in late 2022 to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the Racial Equity Action Plan as well as Assembly Bill 2108, a

bill that requires the Water Boards to look at potential water quality impacts to disadvantaged and tribal communities. Implementing these new guidelines requires diverse, multifaceted datasets that help us understand potential disproportionate impacts. The Racial Equity Data Taskforce seeks to operationalize and standardize data resources relevant to increasing equity in institutional decision-making. OIMA and OPP have presented the taskforce internally and are in the process of building a team of staff interested in supporting this effort.

Advancing Racial Equity at the Water Boards trainings OPP coordinates the Water Boards Facilitation and Training Pool, which offers training to staff on facilitation, training, and public engagement, including a racial equity train-the-trainer program. In 2022, ten staff were certified to deliver Advancing Racial Equity at the Water Boards. To date, 160 Water Boards staff have participated in the Advancing Racial Equity Training. In 2023, we expect to train up to 500 staff: our current trainers will deliver virtual and in-person trainings for several regions, divisions, and offices. Five Advancing Racial Equity at the Water Boards trainings for staff have been scheduled for April-June via the Water Boards Training Academy. In the second half of the year, a new cohort will also participate in the train-the-trainer process to become certified Advancing Racial Equity trainers.

Developed Public Contact List OPP developed an external contact list to strengthen the Water Boards' communication with stakeholders and to create a resource for staff who are interested in building relationships with key stakeholder groups located within their project area. This list includes key stakeholders operating in California, such as non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, agencies, school districts, associations, and others. Water Boards staff contribute updates to keep the list current.

Public Inquiries. Between January and April 2023, OPP staff have responded to 150 public inquiries on topics including drought, water rights, water quality certifications, permits, licenses, fees, water shut offs, and payment of water bills.

Bay Delta Plan Update OPP is collaborating with the Division of Water Rights to support public and tribal engagement on the Bay Delta Plan update. In March, State Water Board staff hosted a listening session for California tribes and a separate listening session for environmental justice representatives and members of the public. A second tribal listening session will take place on May 4th and a second environmental justice focused workshop will take place on May 23rd and staff will work to incorporate feedback into the update and implementation of the Bay-Delta Plan.

Developing Water Conservation Standards for Urban Retail Water Suppliers In collaboration with Office of Research Planning and Performance, OPP supported hosting five small group meetings to receive feedback on the development of conservation standards. In 2023, the State Water Board will consider a regulation that establishes unique efficiency goals for the over 400 Urban Retail Water Suppliers in California, supporting ongoing efforts to make conservation a California way of life. Between February and March, OPP coordinated and facilitated five small group workshops, bringing together interested parties to learn more about the proposed regulatory framework, consider benefits and risks, and build relationships. Over 50 people participated, including representatives of large and small water suppliers,

environmental justice and community-based organizations, climate and environmental advocacy organizations, and groups focused on pollinators, native plants, and greenspace.

Salton Sea Public Workshop OPP is collaborating with the Division of Water Rights to coordinate the State Water Board's public workshop on the Salton Sea Management Program on May 16 –17, 2023. The State Water Board is responsible for monitoring the California Natural Resources Agency's (CNRA) progress on the Salton Sea Management Program, which seeks to improve environmental conditions at the Salton Sea. The annual workshop is an opportunity for CNRA to provide an update on their progress on habitat and dust suppression projects, and for interested parties to provide public comment. This year's workshop is being held later in the spring than in previous years to allow more time to translate all relevant materials into Spanish and to conduct more extensive outreach. We are also revising the format to include panel-style presentations that are more inclusive of community members and community-based organizations conducting air quality, water quality, and habitat projects in the Salton Sea. The workshop is being held in three locations to allow for improved engagement: in-person with Board and panel members, in-person remote at a nearby location, and remotely via Zoom and CalEPA webcast. All participation options will offer live Spanish interpretation and translated materials.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

OPP's Language Access Program ensures the Water Boards comply with state and federal language access laws by providing meaningful and consistent language access services to all Californians. OPP will continue to provide translation and interpretation services where needed and requested.

Interpretation Services Between January and April 2023, OPP has provided interpretation services for 11 events such as board meetings, scrap metal permit certified training, public meetings, enforcement hearings, SAFER Advisory Group meetings, and conversations between staff and members of the public. Of those 11 interpretation events, the two languages that were requested were Spanish and Hmong.

Translation of Documents Between January and April 2023, OPP translated 129 documents 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. Of the 129 translated documents, six languages were requested: Spanish, Punjabi, Cantonese, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese.

TRIBAL AFFAIRS

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

Tribal Water Summit The Tribal Water Summit is a conference that takes place every five years and is coordinated by the Department of Water Resources and the Tribal

Water Summit Planning Committee. The purpose of the event is to create a roadmap with strategies for preserving Native water rights and providing for the sustainable management of California's sacred waters. The Tribal Water Summit provides a platform for tribal leaders, water managers and agency leadership for discussion, knowledge-sharing, problem solving, and to discuss how tribal recommendations can align with current state policies. The discussions that are generated at the event are captured and incorporated into the 2023 California Water Plan update. The State Water Boards' involvement in this year's Summit included: Erik Ekdahl, Division of Water Rights who spoke on the opening plenary discussion on water rights; Parker Thaler, Division of Water Rights, spoke on FERC utility licensing and permitting; Marianna Aue, Office of Chief Counsel, spoke about tribal water rights; Board member Firestone opened up day 3 with opening remarks on potential opportunities to continue expanding tribal-state partnerships. Elizabeth Herrera, Office of Public Participation, and Matt Pavelchik, Division of Financial Assistance, participated in a funding workshop to meet with tribal representatives to discuss funding opportunities for water solutions.

Implementation of Assembly Bill 2877 Water Boards' staff began implementation of Assembly Bill 2877, passed in 2022, aims to increase and improve coordination between the State Water Board and tribes who are seeking funding for drinking water system solutions. The bill requires that the Water Boards' Tribal Liaison, or their designee, participate in all funding conversations between the Division of Financial Assistance and tribal leadership. Currently, the State Water Board is providing direct assistance to nine tribes on 16 drinking and clean water projects.

Updating Contact Information for California Tribes The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is the primary government agency responsible for identifying and cataloging tribal cultural resources, sacred lands, and Native American graves. As such, California agencies, including the Water Boards, are required to coordinate with the Native American Heritage Commission to obtain a list of tribes whose tribal cultural resources or sacred lands are located within proposed project boundaries. The Native American Heritage Commission then conveys the list of tribes and their contact information back to staff who have requested that information. Tribal contact information is outdated and needs to be updated. To support the important work of our partner agency, OPP is partnering with the Native American Heritage Commission to do a coordinated outreach to tribes to update their contact information. Our agencies are beginning outreach to tribes this spring.

CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee The CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee met on March 29, 2023 to discuss environmental issues between California Tribes and CalEPA. In addition to updates from all CalEPA Boards, Departments, and Offices, the TAC discussed the following topics: community air grant program, updates on protecting the Clear Lake Hitch, fee lands in CalEnviroscreen 4.0, and implementation of new requirements established by AB 2108. The next CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee will take place on May 4th.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

April 2023

Appendix A

Significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of March 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 February 1, 2023 to March 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 continues coordinating with Crowe LLP, an environmental consulting firm, to conduct interviews with regional program staff. Crowe is conducting a regulatory alignment study under contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and in collaboration with California Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board. The objective of the study is to evaluate state regulatory requirements within the areas of food safety and water quality for the agricultural community while identifying environmental and public health protections. Crowe LLP will continue meeting with regulators and stakeholders before preparing a report identifying potential areas for improved efficiencies by 2025.

State Board's fee staff held a public stakeholder meeting to discuss the potential fee changes for FY 2023-2024. The current fee increase for the ILRP is projected to be 8.8%. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023.

Staff continues to coordinate with Regional Board staff in developing an online Notice of Termination (NOT) form for the ILRP. Staff plans to have the electronic NOT available on GeoTracker by the end of 2023.

North Coast Regional Water Board staff plans to release the draft Vineyard Permit and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the end of June 2023. A public workshop is scheduled for July 2023, followed by a scheduled Board adoption hearing in December 2023.

Central Coast Region Water Board staff continues to implement a multi-pronged outreach approach to coordinate with the regulated community. In addition to daily grower support services provided by a staff help desk, current outreach includes YouTube video tutorials, workshops, one-on-one sessions with growers and stakeholders, reminders of upcoming and past due requirements (via email or hard copy), and the guidance documents and tools available on the program website. The expanded outreach and coordination efforts are much more robust than for prior orders regulating waste discharges from irrigated lands and program staff is continuing to grow and innovate outreach efforts that are effective, timely, and in formats that are accessible to all growers enrolled in the Agricultural Order. Staff's targeted outreach and grower support activities since October 2022 also include planned outreach to the County Health Departments regarding drinking water issues and solutions, and participation in various public meetings and workshops.

Staff issued reminders outlining the 2022 groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements to growers on December 21-22, 2021; February 17, 2022; and April 29, 2022. Staff also issued past due reminders to 762 ranches on November 2, 2022, and continued with grower compliance assistance through the end of the calendar year, in coordination with Preservation, Inc. The compliance assistance efforts increased the number of ranches that conducted groundwater monitoring and reporting; however, as of early March 2023, 234 ranches did not report groundwater monitoring data to GeoTracker. The Enforcement Team issued Notices of Violation (NOVs) to these growers in late March and early April. The Enforcement Team will consider additional enforcement actions for those operators and landowners that fail to comply with the groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements.

During the winter storms of 2022-2023, staff received nine complaints involving sediment-laden stormwater discharges; most were for ranches using impervious surfaces (e.g., plastic mulch or hoop houses). These complaints are still under investigation and include compliance reviews, site inspections, and working with the growers to revise their Sediment and Erosion Management Plans and implement additional management measures.

Since November 2022, staff participated in additional coordination meetings related to Preservation, Inc.'s process to develop the 3P-ACP 35% work plan. This workplan is due on April 15th, 2023 and will be subject to Executive Officer approval following a 30-day public comment period and a public meeting to receive public comment and Central Coast Water Board input. In November, Preservation, Inc. initiated a two-body advisory process to obtain input on the development of the work plan. The advisory bodies are a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consisting of growers and researchers and a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) consisting of a variety of stakeholders involved in the Agricultural Order. Staff participates in these meetings to provide information regarding Agricultural Order requirements. The SAC and TAC meeting presentations and recordings are available on Preservation, Inc.'s Stakeholder Advisory Process website.

Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff is developing a draft for the Agricultural General WDRs, which will be released for public review. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board will be hosting a staff-level workshop in Ventura County on April 17, 2023. Staff will also host a staff-level workshop in Los Angeles County, with a date to be determined. A public Board Workshop will be held at the April 27, 2023 Board meeting.

Staff met with the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) and Ventura County Farmworker Resource Program about the upcoming General WDRs and ways to expand outreach.

Lahontan Regional Water Board's renewal of the Bridgeport Grazing Waiver was adopted at the March 1, 2023 Board Meeting. This Waiver aims to track and improve water quality impacts associated with private grazing operations that utilize flood irrigation within the Bridgeport Valley. In 2007, the Lahontan Water Board adopted the first iteration of Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Grazing Operations and renewed it approximately every five years, in 2012, 2017, and 2023.

The grazing operations covered under this Waiver meet the definition of “irrigated lands” to which some precedential requirements set forth in Order No. WQ 2018-0002 (ESJ Order) apply. The Waiver incorporates a limited subset of ESJ requirements: sediment and erosion control planning and implementation; management practice reporting; education and outreach; and groundwater quality monitoring. This Waiver’s adoption and inclusion of the ESJ requirements satisfies the first priority action toward irrigated lands regulation in our region as recommended in an [Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Development Update](#) presented at the January 2021 Regional Board Meeting.

On February 2, 2023, the **Santa Ana Regional Water Board** approved Order No. R8-2023-0006, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Lands in the San Jacinto River Watershed, Riverside County (General Order). The General Order replaces R8-2016-0003, the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Agricultural Operations in the Watersheds of the San Jacinto River and its Tributaries, collectively the “The San Jacinto River Watershed”, Riverside County (CWAD), which was adopted on July 29, 2016, amended by Order R8-2017-0023, renewed by Order R8-2021-00034, and was set to expire on February 7, 2023.

As part of the outreach effort, on November 14, 2022, staff provided a draft General Order to key stakeholder groups, the San Jacinto Coalition, and the Western Riverside County Agricultural Coalition (WRCAC) for review and made several revisions based on their initial comments. The draft General Order was released for public comment on December 3, 2022, through January 3, 2023. Eastern Municipal Water District, on behalf of members of the San Jacinto Coalition, requested an extension to the public comment period and for staff to meet with its members and non-coalition enrollees to discuss the changes to the Irrigated Lands Program in the draft General Order. Staff met with stakeholders on January 3, 2023, presented the new requirements, and provided responses to questions. The public comment period was extended to allow additional time for written comments.

The public comment period ended on January 6, 2023, and two comment letters were received on behalf of TBL Consultants and Eastern Municipal Water District. Staff’s responses to the comments and the proposed revisions to the draft General Order were sent to Board Members, commenters, and interested parties on January 18, 2023. On February 3, 2023, staff presented the background information, changes that were made to update and incorporate precedential requirements and staff outreach efforts to the Board for their consideration. During the presentation Eastern Municipal Water District stated their support for the order and the outreach efforts made by staff. The General Order was unanimously approved by Board and adopted on February 3, 2023.

San Diego Regional Water Board staff attended the Carbon Sink Mini Convergence on March 6, 2023, hosted by Solidarity Farm on land owned by the Pauma Band of Luiseño Mission Indians. Staff participated with other attendees to discuss potential actions to diversify and secure local food supplies. Convergence attendees included food-producing growers, non-profit organizations, regulatory agencies, tribal nations, and other interested stakeholders.

Staff held numerous stakeholder meetings throughout the months of February and March with external agencies to discuss the renewal of the San Diego Water Board's General Agricultural Orders. Staff met with the National Center for Appropriate Technologies, Fallbrook Public Utility District, Mission Resource Conservation District, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, San Diego County Department of Agricultural Weights and Measures, the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, the Upper Santa Margarita Irrigated Land Group, and San Diego Coastkeeper.

Staff prepared an Executive Officer's report for the April 12, 2023, Regional Board meeting to provide an update regarding Order Enrollment Efforts, Education, and Outreach.

Staff continues inspecting nurseries to assess compliance with the General Agricultural Orders. Where feasible, staff conducts joint inspections of agricultural operations with local jurisdictions.

There were no significant program updates reported in the **San Francisco** and **Colorado River Basin Regions** from February 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023.