

# Office of Sustainable Water Solutions Newsletter

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)  
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/dwsrf>



Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)  
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwsrf>

**WHAT'S NEW**— Office of Sustainable Water Solutions has its own website. The web address is:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/sustainable\\_water\\_solutions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/index.shtml)

### Fiscal Year 2014-15 Highlights

- ◆ Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Policy Handbook Adopted
- ◆ Streamlined application process put in place
- ◆ Office of Sustainable Water Solutions Created
- ◆ Small Communities Technical Assistance

Water:	200 small water systems provided assistance 12 income surveys 74 online classes held with 2,600 attendees 41 on-site classes held with 1,073 attendees
Wastewater:	50 communities assisted



Pete Stamas with Office of Sustainable Water Solutions pitches in

### Coming Soon

- ◆ On-line statewide map of DWSRF funded projects
- ◆ Project Status Report posted on-line

### State Water Board Drought Funding

State Water Board's Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) has funding available to meet interim emergency drinking water needs for those communities with a contaminated water supply or that suffer drought related water outages or threatened emergencies. Eligible entities are: public agencies, and community water systems, not-for-profit organizations and tribal governments that serve disadvantaged communities. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to bottled water; well repair, rehabilitation, and replacement; hauled water; emergency interties; and treatment systems rehabilitation, and replacement.

For more information on Drought Funding:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml)

Or contact Division of Financial Assistance Program staff at  
**DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov** or  
**(916) 319-9066**.

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## PROJECT NEWS

The City of Dunsmuir recently completed a \$6.1 million Wastewater Collection and Treatment Improvement Project, funded by the Small Community Grant Program and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Approximately 10,000 feet of sewer mains and laterals were installed to reduce inflow and infiltration to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Major treatment improvements included a new secondary clarifier, new and rehabilitated traveling bridge filter, and a biological selector process at the headworks to improve the nitrification/denitrification process. The project greatly reduced the flow coming to the WWTP and allowed the City to improve water quality and come into compliance with discharge requirements. The City's Operations staff are extremely pleased with the improvements. The Project was a success thanks to the hard work and coordination of City staff, PACE Engineering, RA Martin, and RTA Construction.

The City of Dunsmuir is a small Northern California town in Siskiyou County. The City's official slogan is "Home of the Best Water on Earth".



## Did You Know for Mutual Water Companies (MWCs)

- MWCs file with the IRS to obtain tax exempt status. See the following IRS website for more information: <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p557/>
- MWCs need to provide documented proof of IRS tax exempt status as part of the DWSRF/Prop 1 drinking water funding application.
- Within six months of a MWC Board member taking office, the board member must complete a two-hour course on the duties of board members.
- MWCs should periodically review and update their bylaws to ensure they are in compliance with any new laws that may have been enacted.
- MWCs with a suspended corporate status are not eligible to receive funding. If a project funded by the Division of Financial Assistance is underway and the Corporate status is suspended, payments cannot be released until the Corporation no longer has a suspended status. Information about a MWC's corporate status can be found at the following Secretary of State website: <http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/>
- MWCs that operate a public water system are required to maintain a financial reserve fund for repairs and replacements to water production, transmission, and distribution facilities at a level sufficient for continuous operation of facilities in compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

## Technical Assistance

The State Water Board has contracts in place with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), California Rural Water Association (CRWA), and Self Help Enterprises (SHE) to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing financial assistance applications
- Performing compliance audits/troubleshooting to address permit violations or improve operations
- Reviewing proposed project alternatives to assist in identifying low-cost, sustainable approaches
- Participating in community outreach, awareness, and education, especially with regard to rate setting and Proposition 218
- Conducting Technical, Managerial, Financial (TMF) capacity assessments for water systems
- Training for water and wastewater treatment plant operators

To request **wastewater technical assistance**, please contact Meghan Tosney at: [Meghan.Tosney@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Meghan.Tosney@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5729

To request **drinking water technical assistance**, please contact George Faggella at: [George.Faggella@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:George.Faggella@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 449-5652

## Resource Corner

- ◆ Sign up at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) to receive updates and periodic announcements by email, including this newsletter
- ◆ For information on the Division of Drinking Water District Office Location go to [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/documents/ddwem/DDWdistrictofficesmap.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/documents/ddwem/DDWdistrictofficesmap.pdf)
- ◆ Drinking Water Quality tool to help private well owners determine if they are near other wells with nitrate concentrations above the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press\\_room//press\\_releases/2014/pr120314.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press_room//press_releases/2014/pr120314.pdf)

## FAAST APPLICATION Tips of the Month

### Adding New or Updated Documents to a Submitted DWSRF or CWSRF Application

Additional or updated documents can be uploaded to a submitted DWSRF or CWSRF application (in FAAST). To upload additional or updated documents, use the following steps:

1. Log onto FAAST
2. Click on SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS on the Main Menu
3. Click on the PIN/TITLE
4. Click on the ATTACHMENT tab (note: The Post-Submission attachment sub-tab is active)
5. Select from the ATTACHMENT CATEGORY drop-down
6. Browse the computer for the document to upload
7. Click on the OPEN button
8. Click on the ATTACH SELECTED FILE button to upload the document
9. Repeat steps 5-8 for EACH document

⇒ **DWSRF and CWSRF Financial Assistance Applications** are submitted online using the FAAST system at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **August 5, 2015 - California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fair (Free)** at the Truckee Town Hall in Truckee, California. Information and registration information is available on the CFCC website at <http://cfcc.ca.gov/>
- ◆ **August 4, 2015 - Intended Use Plan for using Drinking Water State Revolving Fund/Proposition 1 funding** goes to the Board for adoption.
- ◆ **Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)** has upcoming **free** training in July and August for Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution Operators. Information is available at: <http://www.events.rcac.org/images/rcac/pdfs/Online%20Training%20for%20Operators.pdf>
- ◆ **American Water Works Association (AWWA)** California-Nevada Section has upcoming water operator training. For information is available at: [http://ca-nv-awwa.org/canv/CNS/Events\\_Classes/Online\\_Training/CNS/Educ\\_Online/Online\\_Training\\_for\\_Water\\_Operators.aspx?hkey=4fa87039-24bc-4e79-954f-9d8cb05105dd](http://ca-nv-awwa.org/canv/CNS/Events_Classes/Online_Training/CNS/Educ_Online/Online_Training_for_Water_Operators.aspx?hkey=4fa87039-24bc-4e79-954f-9d8cb05105dd)
- ◆ California Rural Water Association's (CRWA) training schedule is available at : <http://www.calruralwater.org/pages/schedule/>

## Questions or Comments?

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