

# **SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **1. What is the definition of a school district?**

California Education Code, Section 80, states:

“Any school district” and “all school districts” mean school districts of every kind or class, except a community college district.

While community colleges are not eligible for funding from the School District Account (SDA), they may be eligible for funding from the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund’s (Fund) general account.

## **2. How much money is available for school district claims?**

\$10 million per year was transferred to the SDA for Fiscal Years (FY) 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12, for a total of \$30 million. The SDA and the Fund will sunset on January 1, 2026. Any funds remaining in the SDA on that date will be transferred to the Fund. After January 1, 2026, the State Water Resources Control Board will make payments to Fund claimants, including school district claimants, until the monies in the Fund are exhausted.

## **3. When does a Fiscal Year begin and end?**

The State’s FY cycle runs from July 1 through June 30.

## **4. Is there a funding delay with School District claims?**

There is no delay with issuing funds from the SDA at this time. Payments will be made from the SDA in priority class order by date of receipt of the Reimbursement Request (RR) package.

## **5. How do I know when I am able to submit my first RR package?**

You are able to submit a complete RR package once you receive a Letter of Commitment (LOC) from the Fund.

## **6. Do I need to wait the required 30 days before I can submit my next RR package?**

Unless costs submitted are for groundwater monitoring, ending a phase of work or submitting a final RR package, you must still follow the same requirements. RR packages cannot be submitted prior to 30 days from the last RR submittal or for costs less than \$10,000.

## **7. Do school district claims require a budget?**

Yes. Active school district claims have been placed on a budget. New school district claims will be assigned a budget prior to issuance of an LOC. For more information on the budget process, visit:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/budget/fundupdate\\_fy1213.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/budget/fundupdate_fy1213.pdf).