

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0008**

**ADOPTING THE PRIORITIZATION OF DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS
DEVELOPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS:

1. All public water systems, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 116275, are subject to regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), as well as by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) under the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health & Safety Code, § 116270 et seq.).
2. California has been granted primary enforcement responsibility (primacy) by U.S. EPA for public water systems in California. California has no authority to enforce federal regulations, and federal laws and regulations require that California, in order to receive and maintain primacy, promulgate regulations for California that are no less stringent than the federal regulations.
3. The State Water Board is tasked with adopting drinking water regulations and recycled water regulations associated with the protection of public health. These regulations include primary drinking water standards (e.g., maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), treatment techniques, monitoring and reporting requirements) and any other standards related to providing safe drinking water (e.g., operator requirements, laboratory accreditation standards, secondary drinking water standards, design standards, pipe separation standards).
4. Health and Safety Code section 116365, subdivision (g), requires the State Water Board to review each MCL at least once every five years and section 116365, subdivision (h), requires the State Water Board to provide, by March 1 of each year, notice of each primary drinking water standard it proposes to review that year and to solicit and consider public comment and hold one or more public hearings regarding any proposal to either amend or maintain an existing standard.
5. The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) posts the MCL reviews on its website. The most recent reviews are available at: [MCL Review Process webpage](#).

6. DDW has established a proposed prioritized list for regulatory development projects for 2026.
7. DDW staff use multiple factors in prioritizing drinking water regulations, including the protection of public health, establishment of a new or revised federal regulation or rule, existence of statutory mandates, as well as the existence of other priorities and staffing resources available for the development and implementation of regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board directs the Division of Drinking Water to prioritize the development of drinking water regulations and policies during calendar year 2026 as follows:

1. Maximum Contaminant Levels
 - a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
 - b. N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA)
 - c. Disinfection Byproducts
 - i. Total Trihalomethanes
 - ii. Haloacetic Acids
 - d. Styrene
 - e. Cadmium and Mercury
 - f. 1,4-Dioxane
 - g. Arsenic
2. Lead and Copper Rule Revisions
 - a. Federal Updates
 - b. California Enhancements
3. Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting
 - a. Metals
 - b. Organic Chemicals
4. Notification and Response Levels
 - a. Manganese (revision)
 - b. Cyanotoxins
 - c. Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA)

5. Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook Revisions
6. Environmental Laboratory Accreditation -TNI Dual Certificate Framework
7. Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data
8. Primacy Package Approvals
 - a. Public Notification Rule
 - b. Groundwater Rule
 - c. Revised Total Coliform Rule
 - d. PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation
 - e. Lead and Copper Rule and Revisions
 - f. Consumer Confidence Report Rule
9. On-site Treated Nonpotable Water Systems Revisions
10. Title 22 Recycled Water Regulations Update
11. Quinquennial Maximum Contaminant Levels Review
12. Financial Assurance and Technical, Managerial, and Financial Standards

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 3, 2026.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo

ABSTAIN: None



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board