

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0013**

**ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY
HANDBOOK**

WHEREAS:

1. Health and Safety Code section 116270 et seq., (California Safe Drinking Water Act (Act)) requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to administer provisions related to drinking water to protect public health. The Act allows the State Water Board to adopt regulations that include requirements for the control of cross-connections.
2. On October 6, 2017, Assembly Bill 1671 was filed with the Secretary of State, adding section 116407 to the Health and Safety Code.
3. Health and Safety Code section 116407 directed the State Water Board to adopt standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control by January 1, 2020, and allows those standards to be implemented through a policy handbook that is not subject to the requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. The State Water Board adopted the standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control through a policy handbook titled the Cross-Connection Policy Control Policy Handbook on December 19, 2023.
5. The December 19, 2023, resolution anticipated future revisions to the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook in response to stakeholder input and engagement. The resolution also included instructions from the State Water Board to the Executive Director to make non-substantive changes necessary for clarity or consistency.
6. The State Water Board adopted a revised Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook on June 17, 2025, that extended certain compliance dates and made minor corrections.
7. The State Water Board identified a need to allow accrediting organizations that are recognized by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as ANSI-equivalent to accredit Tester and Specialist certification organizations to ISO/IEC 17024, and to eliminate the distinction between interconnected and

not-interconnected auxiliary water supplies and establish criteria for the ongoing use of existing double-check valve assemblies.

8. On January 16, 2026, the State Water Board posted the proposed changes for public comment to the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook on the State Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/cccp.html and notified public water systems and interested public through the State Water Board email subscription lists. Written comments were due no later than February 19, 2026. The State Water Board received fourteen comments for consideration.
9. In addition to receiving written comments, the State Water Board held a virtual public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on February 19, 2026, and received eight oral comments.
10. The adoption of these amendments to the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following categorical exemptions: (1) Class 1 projects, which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and (2) Class 2 projects, which consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities. Additionally, because prior to the adoption of the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook, public water systems were already subject to cross connection and backflow prevention requirements, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the revisions to the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook will have a significant effect on the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Directs State Water Board staff to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption consistent with paragraph 10, above.
2. Adopts the revised Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook as appended to this resolution with an effective date of April 21, 2026.

3. Authorizes the Executive Director or their delegee to make any non-substantive corrections to the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook deemed necessary for clarity or consistency, and to effectuate the update of any existing regulations in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations to reference the updated Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook.

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 April 21, 2026.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board