

**State Water Resources Control Board  
October 20, 2020 – Item 9  
Executive Director’s Report**

**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

**Amended Underground Storage Tank Reporting Regulations:** On August 27, 2020, a rulemaking package modifying the reporting requirements for underground storage tank (UST) owners, operators, and local agencies was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the California Secretary of State. As part of the rulemaking package, many of the forms in regulation were substantially modified to simplify use and to ensure the documents were accessible to all users. These regulations became effective on October 1, 2020.

More information on the new UST reporting regulations, including the proposed text, Initial and Final Statement of Reasons, Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement, and the modified forms and guidance documents can be found at [State Water Board – Underground Storage Tank Reporting Regulations webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/repregs/index.html) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/repregs/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/repregs/index.html)).

**Composting General Order, Related Performance Measures, and Organic Materials Management - 2020 Annual Report:** On August 4, 2015, the State Water Board adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (Composting General Order, Order WQ-2015-0121-DWQ) with Resolution No. 2015-0054. The Resolution directed staff to develop performance measures for the implementation of the Composting General Order and to report on the progress of compliance with the Composting General Order. There are 84 facilities enrolled or in process of enrolling under the Composting General Order, 26 facilities enrolled under individual orders and 10 identified as exempt. The Composting General Order was revised on April 7, 2020; the changes did not necessitate modifications to the performance measures. The full text of the 2020 annual report is available on the [State Water Board’s Compost website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/compost/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/)) and presents information on the performance measures and implementation of the Composting General Order through June 2020.

**Staff Workshop for SAFER Aquifer Risk Map:** The Division of Water Quality Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) staff hosted its third public workshop (webinar) on October 9, 2020, to obtain feedback on the aquifer risk map development for the Safe and Affordable Fund for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program, as specified in Senate Bill 200. The aquifer risk map will be used to prioritize areas where domestic wells and state small water system wells may be accessing water that does not meet primary drinking water standards. Participants learned about draft risk map methodology and provided feedback to State Water Board staff.

**State Water Board Reconvenes Science Advisory Panel on Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in Aquatic Ecosystems:** The State Water Board and Ocean Protection Council (OPC) are co-funding a research grant with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) to reconvene the Science Advisory Panel on CECs in Aquatic Ecosystems (Advisory Panel). The Panel previously published a [report in April 2012](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cec_aquatic/docs/cec_ecosystems_rpt.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cec\\_aquatic/docs/cec\\_ecosystems\\_rpt.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cec_aquatic/docs/cec_ecosystems_rpt.pdf)) that presented recommendations for monitoring CECs in aquatic ecosystems. The Advisory Panel will review existing scientific literature and determine the state of current scientific knowledge on the risks of CECs impacting human health and the environment in freshwater, coastal, and marine ecosystems of the State. The Advisory Panel will synthesize its findings and update its recommendations to the State Water Board to improve the understanding of CECs to protect public health and the environment.

The first public Advisory Panel meeting will be held via Zoom with four two-hour meetings scheduled for **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** The meetings will include technical presentations for the Panel's consideration and time is allocated for interested parties to provide input and feedback as part of the initiation of the Panel's deliberation process.

The agenda for the meeting series includes four parts that correspond to each day of the series including:

- Day 1: Intended Use of Panel Products
- Day 2: CEC Management Approaches
- Day 3: Scientific Advances in the Field
- Day 4: Stakeholder Inputs

This meeting series is free and open to the public.

**Register for the meeting at:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1yzijYkVTq6JQH-NYbVxzw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1yzijYkVTq6JQH-NYbVxzw)

For additional information:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cec\\_aquatic/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cec_aquatic/)

**Volumetric Annual Reporting of Wastewater and Recycled Water:** The Recycled Water Policy requires wastewater and recycled water dischargers (including wastewater dischargers that do not produce any recycled water) to annually report monthly volumes of influent, wastewater produced, and effluent, including treatment level and discharge type. As applicable, dischargers are additionally required to annually report recycled water use by volume and category of reuse. By April 30, 2020, dischargers were required to submit their 2019 data electronically into the GeoTracker reporting module, which was launched in early 2020. Dischargers were granted a 60-day extension on the reporting deadline to June 30, 2020 to give dischargers flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of September 15, 2020, 687 of 771 (89 percent) facilities have submitted volumetric annual reports despite the deadline extension and additional staff outreach via phone and email. Staff plans to continue to follow up with facilities that have not yet submitted the volumetric annual report to achieve full compliance. Division of Water Quality staff is performing quality assurance and control checks on the submitted data as well data and trend analysis in preparation for a presentation to the State Water Board currently planned for the December 1, 2020 meeting.

The preliminary data show estimated reuse volume for the 2019 reporting year to be total of 685,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) with the total influent entering wastewater treatment plants at an estimated 3.6 Million AFY and effluent discharge not being reused at an estimated 2.65 Million AFY.

A training webinar, help guide, and frequently asked questions fact sheet are available for dischargers on the [Volumetric Reporting webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/volumetric_annual_reporting.html) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_recycling\\_policy/volumetric\\_annual\\_reporting.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/volumetric_annual_reporting.html)). Dischargers needing additional assistance with the volumetric annual report can email [recycledwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:recycledwater@waterboards.ca.gov).

**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: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/exec\\_dir\\_rpts/pol\\_per\\_view.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/exec_dir_rpts/pol_per_view.html)

## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

**Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation on Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds:** On September 23, 2020, Chair Esquivel, Tribal Liaison Adriana Renteria, Division of Water Rights staff, and OCC staff met with Tribal leaders from the Karuk Tribe, Yurok Tribe, and Quartz Valley Indian Reservation. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board executive management and staff and National Marine Fisheries Service staff also participated in the consultation. The consultation was focused the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds. The primary purpose of this initial meeting was to explore regulatory tools and strategies that may be used to optimize flows in these watersheds and develop sustainable solutions that meet the needs of the local communities and environment.

### **Permitting and Enforcement Branch**

**Water Right Applications:** 2 permits were issued in the third quarter of 2020 (July 1 through September 30). The following table provides a list of water rights involved in the permit actions.

Primary Owner	Application ID	Permit ID	Date Issued	Brief Description
Marin Country Club, Inc.	A031655 and A031656	21414 and 21415	8/23/2020	Collectively these permits authorize the diversion of 56.4-acre feet per year to storage in six existing onstream reservoirs. Diversions will occur at the six reservoirs along Arroyo San Jose tributary to Novato Creek thence San Pablo Bay (Marin County). The season of diversion is December 15 of each year to March 31 of the succeeding year. Stored water will be used for irrigation and industrial purposes on 95 acres of golf course.

**Water Right Petitions:** The Petitions Section staff completed 35 petitions in the third quarter of 2020 (July 1 through September 30). The following table provides a list of water rights involved in the petition actions.

Primary Owner	Application ID	Petition Type	Date Completed	Brief Description
Carmichael Water District	A000138	Transfer Temporary	7/6/2020	Transfer of 2,000 AF to State Water Contractor (SWC) Agencies via groundwater substitution.
City of Sacramento	A012622	Transfer Temporary	7/6/2020	Transfer of 14,000 AF to SWC Agencies via groundwater substitution.
Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Applications 14443, 23, 234, 1465, 5626, 5628, 5638, 9363, 9364, 9368, 13370, 13371, 15374, 15375, 15764, 16767, 17374, 17376	Transfer Temporary	7/15/2020	Transfer of 400,675 AF via exchange between State Water Project (SWC) Contractors and Central Valley Project (CVP) Contractors; the exchange involves the consolidation of the SWP and CVP places of use south of the Banks and Jones Pumping Plants.

<b>Primary Owner</b>	<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Petition Type</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
South Feather Water and Power Agency	A001651, A002778	Transfer Temporary	8/13/2020	Transfer of 10,001 AF to Cawelo Water District via reservoir storage release.
Foresthill Public Utility District	A021945	Transfer Temporary	7/23/2020	Transfer of 2,000 AF to South-of-Delta Contractors of the CVP and/or SWP via reservoir storage release.
Placer County Water Agency	A018085	Transfer Temporary	7/27/2020	Transfer of 20,000 AF to Westlands Water District via reservoir storage release.
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District	A005644A	Transfer Temporary	8/17/2020	Transfer of 20,000 AF to Westlands Water District via reservoir storage release.
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	A015764	Transfer Temporary	8/28/2020	Restorage of 500 AF at Los Banos Reservoir for transfer to Central California Irrigation District, San Luis Water District, and Grassland Water District.
Sonoma County Water Agency	A012919A, A015736, A015737, A019351	Temporary Urgency Change	7/28/2020	Petitions to temporarily reduce the minimum instream flow requirement in the Russian River.
Bradford Wiley II	A031004	Change	8/14/2020	Petition to expand the place of use.
Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District	A030049A, A030049B	Change Time Extension	7/10/2020 (cancelled)	Petitions were cancelled due to revocation of the water rights.
John Wick	A028971	Time Extension	7/28/2020 (cancelled)	Petition was cancelled due to revocation request of the water right.

## **Water Rights Enforcement:**

Hearings: Division and OE staff participated in **four** separate hearings before the Administrative Hearings Office, comprised of three Failure to File cases and one 6-day unauthorized diversion case.

Voluntary Revocations Completed: 51

Complaints Closed: 16

Scott River Notices of Unavailability: Enforcement staff worked throughout the summer with partner agencies and diverters to communicate the requirements of our Unavailability Notices we issued in June. Staff continuously monitor flow conditions and participate in multi-agency meetings to discuss watershed conditions. During a recent field investigation, we observed that the irrigation ditches subject to our Notice were dry which shows diverters were substantially in compliance. (Contact: Robert Cervantes: Phone 916.322.6795; Email: [Roberto.Cervantes@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Roberto.Cervantes@waterboards.ca.gov))

Garberville Settlement Order: On August 28, we issued a \$40,000 settlement order for violations of a cease and desist order. The order requires the district to stop selling and delivering water to users outside its permitted area unless needed for emergency domestic supply. In the case of an emergency, the order requires the district to maintain accurate records of the sales, including the date, location, volume of water provided and name of the purchaser. (Contact: Robert Cervantes: Phone 916.322.6795; Email: [Roberto.Cervantes@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Roberto.Cervantes@waterboards.ca.gov))

## **Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch**

**Sacramento River Temperature Planning Protocol:** On September 30, 2020, the State Water Board received a response from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to the State Water Board's request for a draft Sacramento River temperature management planning protocol. As part of the State Water Board's conditional approval of Reclamation's 2020 Temperature Management Plan (TMP), Reclamation is required to develop an initial draft protocol by September 30, 2020. The State Water Board is reviewing the protocol to determine next steps. Additional information is available at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/drought/sacramento\\_river/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/sacramento_river/)

**Comments on Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: (DSEIS):** On October 5, 2020, State Water Board staff submitted a comment letter on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) DSEIS for the SLWRI. The stated purpose and need for the DSEIS is to supplement the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to provide information relevant to the application of Section 404(r) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the SLWRI, to respond to issues identified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the prior EIS, to update operations and modelling to the latest regulatory requirements, and to update information included in the 2015 SLWRI FEIS that is relevant to environmental concerns. The DSEIS also provides additional

information regarding Wild and Scenic River Act issues. State Water Board staff provided comments related to these issues and referenced prior comments from the Water Boards and California Department of Fish and Wildlife that were not fully addressed.

**Amador Water Agency Hearing:** On September 23, 2020, the State Water Board issued a Notice of Postponement for the evidentiary hearing scheduled to consider Application 5647X03 and associated petition for partial assignment of State Filed Application 5647 of Amador Water Agency (AWA). Parties to this proceeding recently filed protest withdrawal agreements and, as a result, all outstanding protests have been resolved. A status conference was held on September 25, 2020, for hearing participants to discuss options for moving forward, including whether the live portion of the hearing should be canceled and, if not, how the hearing may be streamlined in light of the parties' recent agreements. The hearing has been postponed and did not occur on September 29 and 30, 2020. The October 22, 2020 hearing date is being held in reserve and may be used for a rescheduled hearing date. Further notification will be provided when the hearing is either rescheduled or canceled.

AWA utilizes facilities owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for purposes of its Central Amador Water Project, which provides water for municipal purposes to communities within the central portion of Amador County. Under Application 5647X03, AWA seeks to directly divert up to 5 cubic feet per second from the North Fork Mokelumne River and the Bear River, and to divert up to 1,400 acre-feet per annum (afa) to storage in PG&E's Lower Bear River Reservoir from October 1 to July 15. AWA plans to utilize existing infrastructure on the North Fork Mokelumne River and the Bear River to provide up to an additional 1,050 afa of water for beneficial use from a combination of direct diversion and rediversion from storage. Additional information is available on the [Amador Water Agency Hearing web page](#).

**College Lake Hearing:** On September 22, 2020, the State Water Board held a hearing to determine whether to approve Application A032881 and whether to release State Filed Application A018334 from priority in favor of Application A032881 (College Lake Project). The proposed College Lake Project is in Pajaro Valley, a region along the Central Coast, which encompasses numerous communities within Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito counties. Over the past several decades, groundwater pumping for agricultural and municipal uses in the Pajaro Valley area has led to overdraft of the aquifers beneath the valley. The Applicant, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, filed Application A032881 for the College Lake Project to deliver surface water from Salsipuedes Creek and College Lake for irrigation use in lieu of pumping an equivalent amount of groundwater. The project would divert up to 3,000 acre-feet per annum, year-round, from Salsipuedes Creek and College Lake for irrigation and fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement purposes. Of the total amount diverted, up to 1,764 afa could be diverted to storage between September 1 and June 30 of the succeeding year. The Applicant reached stipulated agreements with all protestants and hearing parties prior to the hearing. The hearing focused on understanding these stipulated agreements and addressing hearing staff and hearing

officers' questions regarding the proposed project. Additional information is available on the project web page:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/hearings/collegela/ke/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/hearings/collegela/ke/).

**Final Passage Assessment and Flow Recommendations for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead in Lower Antelope Creek (tributary to Sacramento River):** On September 28, 2020, the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) distributed a Final Passage Assessment and Flow Recommendations for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead in Lower Antelope Creek (Passage Assessment) to interested parties and posted the Passage Assessment to its website. This study was prepared by Stillwater Sciences and is a component of the RCDTC's Antelope Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project, which consists of: 1) an instream flow study in the lower Antelope Creek watershed to determine fish passage flow needs; and 2) design and implementation of retrofits to two existing water diversions in the lower Antelope Creek watershed. The majority of the Project's grant funding was awarded from the Proposition 40 Integrated Watershed Management Program administered by the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance. The Final Passage Assessment is available at: <http://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/>.

### **Water Quality Certification, Public Trust, Cannabis, Administrative, & Reporting Branch**

**Release of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project:** On September 24, 2020, the State Water Board released a [Draft Environmental Impact Report](#) for Rugraw, LLC's Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project (Project). The comment period closes on November 9, 2020. The Project is located on South Fork Battle Creek in Tehama County. The Project involves construction of a new hydroelectric facility that will operate as run-of-river and generate five megawatts. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [Project webpage](#) at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/assen\\_lodge\\_ferc12496/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/assen_lodge_ferc12496/)

**Release of Mitigated Negative Declaration for Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project:** On September 24, 2020, the State Water Board released a [Mitigated Negative Declaration](#) for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project (Project). The comment period closes on October 26, 2020. The Project is in Nevada County on Fordyce Creek, which is a tributary to the South Fork of the Yuba River. The Project consists of repairs to Fordyce Dam to reduce seepage, as required by the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Dam Safety. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [Drum-Spaulling Project webpage](#) at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/drum\\_spaulding\\_ferc2310.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/drum_spaulding_ferc2310.html).



**Public Launch of Water Rights Online Forms Portal web application:** On September 15, 2020, the Division of Water Rights (Division) launched an online platform called the Water Rights Online Forms Portal ([Portal](#)). The Portal allows public users to complete and submit certain types of water rights forms electronically. The initial release includes forms that were previously only available on paper, including new electronic forms for: Appropriative Applications, Initial Statements of Water Diversion and Use, and Ownership Updates. The Portal will continue to be expanded over time to host most of the Division's water rights forms.

The Portal is currently in a soft release phase. This initial release of online water rights forms is part of the Division's prioritized effort to improve business practices related to water rights forms, workflow, and data management. The Portal can be accessed by the public at: <https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/MT/>

**Statewide Stream Gaging Plan:** State Water Board staff meet bi-weekly with Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Conservation staff (collectively Stream Gaging Plan Team) to work on the development of a comprehensive Stream Gaging Plan for the state under [Senate Bill 19](#) (Statutes 2019, Chapter 361, Dodd). On October 5, 2020 staff sent emails to key stakeholders to request their participation on a Technical Advisory Committee that will help inform the effort. A new [SB 19 – Stream Gaging Plan website](#) and Stream Gaging Plan Email Distribution List were created to provide interested parties with background and information regarding the ongoing effort and are available at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/stream\\_gaging\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/stream_gaging_plan/).

**National Marine Fisheries Service Meeting on Environmental Flows:** On September 15, 2020, State Water Board and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive management and staff met with National Marine Fisheries Service management and staff to discuss streamflow depletion impacts from groundwater pumping in streams. Topics of discussion included issues related to a lack of environmental analysis for new groundwater permits, impacts of groundwater diversions on surface flows, and the desire for ongoing discussions to collaboratively develop approaches to limit impacts.

## **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 permits were documented between September 1 and September 30, 2020.

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Permit Purpose</b>
<b>Southwest Transportation Agency</b>	<b>03-23-20P-014</b>	<b>New permit for POUs</b>
Sonoma State University	02-18-20P-4910027	New Tanks and Reissue
<b>Serrano Water District</b>	<b>05-08-20PA-009</b>	<b>Change wells status from Active to Standby</b>
Black Butte MHP	<b>01-02-93(P)11016A2</b>	Change in ownership
<b>Farmer's Brewing Co</b>	<b>01-21-20(P)11001A1</b>	<b>Quarterly bacT means every 3 months</b>
<b>Olivares Farms Water System</b>	<b>03-11-20P-018</b>	<b>Existing unpermitted water system</b>
<b>North Kern Golf Course</b>	<b>03-12-20P-005</b>	<b>Change of Ownership</b>
<b>Uplands of the Kern</b>	<b>03-12-20PA-014</b>	<b>Add New Well (Well 2)</b>
<b>LADWP WS No. 1910067</b>	<b>1910067-PA-016</b>	<b>Manhattan Wells PA</b>
<b>Fire Suppression Camp 19 WS No. 1900901</b>	<b>04-16-20P-007</b>	<b>Full Permit Revision, New Monitoring Requirements</b>
<b>Camrosa Water District</b>	<b>5610063PA-003</b>	<b>Add Lynwood Well and associated chlorination</b>
<b>Serrano Water District</b>	<b>05-08-20PA-009</b>	<b>Change Well 3 and 5 status to standby</b>
<b>California Water Service Co.-Kernville System</b>	<b>03-19-20P-015</b>	<b>Updated Permit</b>

### **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 from September 1 and September 30, 2020.

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Contaminant or Rule</b>	<b>Enforcement Action</b>
ANDREW MURRAY VINEYARD	Reporting		Citation or Compliance Order
BASS LAKE HEIGHTS MUTUAL WATER	Treatment Technique	ARSENIC	Notice of Violation
BIG TREES CAMPGROUND	MCL	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
BLU-IN RV PARK	Monitoring	E. COLI	Penalty Assessed
BONITA SCHOOL	Monitoring	COLIFORM	
CEMEX CALIF CEMENT LLC AV	MCL	COMBINED URANIUM	Citation or Compliance Order
COCO PALMS MOBILE HOME PARK	Monitoring	NITRITE	Informal Notice
COSTANOA CAMPGROUND	Monitoring	RTCR	
COTTON WOOD WINERY	Monitoring	COLIFORM	
COUNTRY LIVING MHP	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
CSP HENRY W. COE STATE PARK	Monitoring	RTCR	
DELORES LANE WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
DONNER SUMMIT PUD – BIG BEND	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation
DONNER SUMMIT PUD – BIG BEND	Monitoring	VOC	Citation
EAST ACRES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	MANGANESE	State Specific Enforcement Action
ELKINS RANCH	Other		Citation or Compliance Order
GAVIOTA OIL HEATING FACILITY	Reporting		Citation or Compliance Order
HAPPY ACRES MUTUAL BENEFIT WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	ARSENIC	Citation or Compliance Order

HUNGRY VALLEY STATE VEHICULAR REC AREA	Reporting		Notice of Violation
JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	1,2,3 TCP	State Specific Enforcement Action
KATIE'S COUNTRY KITCHEN	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
LAZY S MOBILE RANCH	Monitoring	TURBIDITY	Citation or Compliance Order
LINDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
MADERA RANCHOS ASSEMBLY OF GOD	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
MARQUEZ RENTAL	Monitoring	ARSENIC	Notice of Violation
MCCABE UNION SCHOOL	Monitoring	HAA5	
MCCABE UNION SCHOOL	Monitoring	TTHM	
MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
MITCHELLS CAMP FAMILY ASSOC.	Monitoring	RTCR	Penalty Assessed
MOLINO CORNER WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	E. COLI	Citation or Compliance Order
NORCAL WATER WORKS	Other		Penalty Assessed
OAKHURST CHRISTIAN CONF CENTER	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
OAKHURST MOBILE HOME ESTATES	Treatment Technique	COMBINED URANIUM	Notice of Violation
OW CAFE, LLC	Monitoring	E. COLI	Informal Notice
PARADISE VALLEY MWC	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
PEAKE RANCH	Monitoring	COLIFORM	
PEARSONVILLE WATER SYSTEM	Reporting		Citation or Compliance Order

PIKE RANCH MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	COMBINED URANIUM	Notice of Violation
PLAINFIELD STATION	Monitoring	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
PLAINFIELD STATION	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
RUSSIAN RIVER MUTUAL WATER CO.	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
SAN DIEGO, CITY OF	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
SHADY OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK LLC	MCL	COMBINED URANIUM	Notice of Violation
SHADY OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK LLC	Monitoring	COMBINED URANIUM	Notice of Violation
SHADY OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK LLC	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	Notice of Violation
SIERRA MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
SIERRA VIEW SCHOOL	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
SNOWLINE	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
SPECIALTY CROP CO	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Notice of Violation
SUTTER CO. WWD#1 (ROBBINS)	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
THE VILLAGE	MCL	IRON	State Specific Enforcement Action
THE VILLAGE	MCL	MANGANESE	State Specific Enforcement Action
TRES HERMANAS WINERY	Monitoring	COLIFORM	
WHITE LOTUS	Monitoring	COLIFORM	
WILLOWBROOK ALE HOUSE	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
WINTERHAVEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	E. COLI	Notice of Violation
WINTERHAVEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	RTCR	Penalty Assessed

WRIGHTS LAKE CAMPGROUND, PACIFIC RANGER	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE	Citation or Compliance Order
ZACA LAKE RETREAT	Monitoring	COLIFORM	
<b>Total Enforcement Actions</b>	<b>57</b>		

**Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)**

After adoption of new program regulations in May, ELAP launched a compliance assistance initiative, Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation, to assist laboratories in making the transition to new requirements that are anticipated to become effective on January 1, 2021. As part of the initiative, ELAP has held 44 Transition Appointments and 25 laboratories have been identified as early adopters of the NELAC Institute (TNI) laboratory standard.

ELAP Senior staff assumed the chairperson role for the TNI Mentor Sub-Committee as part of the TNI Advocacy Committee to expand California’s initiative to the national level.

The State Water Board adopted a Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Third-Party Laboratory Assessors at its September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The MOU defines the terms and conditions third-party providers must meet to perform assessments of California-ELAP laboratories. ELAP is working with U.S. EPA to finalize the document.

ELAP staff presented at a virtual workshop hosted by the Central Valley Clean Water Association on Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). ELAP discussed laboratory accreditation requirements for the analysis of PFAS.

ELAP staff presented at the September meeting of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council, sharing experiences illustrating the need for centralized guidance for agencies desiring to use new laboratory methodologies for monitoring needs.

The following laboratory accreditations were issued by ELAP from September 1-September 30, 2020:

<b>ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED</b>		
	<b>September 2020</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
New Accreditations	1	17
Renewed Accreditations	32	306
Reciprocity Accreditations	8	82
Amended Accreditations	8	54
Total	49	459

**SAFER Update Consolidation**

Sikh Temple Gurdwara Consolidates with City of Yuba City

On September 4, 2020, Sikh Temple Gurdwara (Temple) was physically consolidated with the City of Yuba City water system (City). The Temple was a transient non-community public water system in northwest Yuba City and served a population of 250 people. Their old well, which had high nitrate levels, has been physically disconnected from the Temple’s domestic water system and the Temple is now served City water.

West Water Company-Public Meeting

The engagement unit will be holding their first public meeting on the mandatory consolidation of West Water Company with Sonoma County CSA 41-Fitch Mountain on October 15, 2020. This is the first water system that is being managerially consolidated, and staff anticipate that an administrator will also be utilized.

**Interim Solutions**

Washington Union School Water System in Monterey, CA

Washington Union School Water System services 250 students and is out of compliance for arsenic and cadmium. POU devices were proposed to be installed at every tap location on the school to treat and provide more safe drinking water to the students. Unfortunately, the school district only had a budget for 6 devices. They requested funding for an additional 6 devices to provide more coverage throughout the campus. However, the school district was not considered to serve a disadvantaged community and was not eligible for funding through the Drinking Water for Schools Program. DDW SAFER and DFA determined another source of funding under the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) to pay for the additional POU devices. DDW SAFER completed the CAA Funding Application on the school’s behalf. There will be a total of 12 POU devices installed on the campus to provide more accessibility to potable water for the students and staff.

**Administrators**

The engagement units sent out three administrator notices initiating administrators in September 2020.

East Orosi CSD	9/10/2020
Old River Mutual Water Company	09/09/2020
South Kern Mutual Water Company	09/09/2020

**Needs Assessment**

The Needs Analysis Unit will be holding a Risk Assessment Workshop on October 13, 2020 to seek input on the final risk factor selection and a new classification strategy.

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**Update on Water Quality, Water Rights and Drinking Water Fees Stakeholder Process**

At the September 15 Board Meeting, the Board adopted fees for FY 2020-21 for the Water Quality and Water Rights programs. These emergency fee regulations are in the process of being reviewed and upon internal approval, will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program emergency fee regulations are also in the internal review process and will be submitted to OAL upon approval.

**DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Program Activity:**

**Environmental Section**

**Future Significant Events**

October 6, 2020, meeting with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 Staff to discuss the timeline for the development of California Clean/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs' specific Programmatic Agreement for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Approvals (September 2020)	
Project No.	Entity - Description
CEQA Lead Agency Documents	
None to report.	
Clean Water	
None to report.	
Drinking Water	
None to report.	
Water Supply Permits	
2400347	Clausen Meat Company, Well 1 Chlorination Treatment Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and a Notice of Exemption (NOE) on a Categorical Exemption (CE) as the Lead Agency, and sent to the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) District Office to approve and file with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).
4901071	Boulevard Heights Mutual Water Company, 99,900-Gallon Storage Tank Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
4900513	Madrone Mutual Water Company, New Well 04 Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
5601117	Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company, Two New Wells Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District office to approve and file with the OPR.
3910001	California Water Service-Stockton, Operation of 2.5-2.6-Million Gallon Tank Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Responsible Agency, and sent to the DDW District office to approve and file with the OPR.
1000639	Calwest Rain-Kerman, Operation of New Well Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District office to approve and file with the OPR.

**Office of Sustainable Water Solution (OSWS)**

Technical Assistance Agreements Funded (September 2020)		
Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount
D1917005	California Rural Water Association – The Project is to provide technical assistance to perform feasibility analyses and technical evaluations related to consolidation, source/storage capacity, distribution, and treatment to small disadvantaged communities statewide. The Project may provide emergency operational support for water systems.	\$3,000,000: S&A-DW
D1911452	California Rural Water Association – The Project is to provide emergency operations service for wastewater collection and/or treatment facilities serving small, disadvantaged communities.	\$100,000: CAA

**Safe and Affordable Drinking Water (SAFER) Summary (includes SAFER, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)**

The table below summarizes the projects approved by funding category in the month of September 2020. All projects benefit a disadvantaged community that has a water quality compliance issue or an urgent drinking water need.

Funding Category	Types of Projects	Number of Projects Approved for the Month of September 2020	Total Amount Approved for the Month of September 2020	Total Amount Approved for FY 2020/21
New Wells	Household well assistance	1	\$265,034	\$1,390,034

**Projects Approved in September 2020 (includes SAFER, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)**

Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category
CRWA (California Rural Water Association)	Well assistance for approximately 20 homes in the Mojave Water Agency Service Area., The project has two approvals on record one was approved July 2020 and the second in September 2020.	\$265,034	General Fund 2018 SB862-Provision 6a	New Wells

**Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program**

Future Significant Events

Staff are nearing completion on the first of two Drinking Water for Schools agreements with technical assistance providers.

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

<b>CWSRF Funding Agreements signed by Deputy Director</b> [July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020]			
Projects rolling over from the 2019-20 Fundable List are identified with a <sup>RO</sup> superscript:			
<b>CWSRF Project No.</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
8394-110 <sup>RO</sup>	La Mesa, City of	Parkway Drive and Alvarado Road Trunk Sewer Phase 3 Upgrade Project	\$7,000,000
7896-310	Colusa, City of	Collection System Improvements Project	\$4,350,000
8481-110	Seely County Water District	Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	\$500,000
8452-110	Sutter Creek, City of	Pre-Design for Wastewater Treatment Replacement Project	\$425,000
8135-210	Riverdale Public Utility District	Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project	\$10,660,000

**CWSRF Backlog Reduction Update**

The 2020/2021 CWSRF Fundable List as published in the draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) had 60 Rollover projects. Five (5) new projects with a score of 14 out of a possible 16 Priority Points were added to the Fundable List when the IUP was adopted on June 16, 2020, with an option for DFA to add projects with a Score of 13 if it believes it can clear

the backlog and fund the additional projects by the end of 2020/2021. DFA staff developed the State Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWIFT) to help coordinate project reviews and track staff's progress reducing the backlog. The table below provides a current summary of CWSRF staff's progress.

<b>Rollover Projects from 2019/2020 IUP</b>	<b>Rollover Projects with Executed Agreements</b>	<b>Remaining Rollover Projects as of 9/30/2020</b>
60	8	52
<b>Projects added to Fundable List</b>	<b>New Projects with Executed Agreements</b>	<b>Remaining New Projects as of 9/30/2020</b>
5	0	5

DFA intends to advise stakeholders of the progress and the Deputy Director's decision whether to add additional projects to the 2020/2021 CWSRF Fundable List by October 31, 2020.

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**

<b>DWSRF Funding Agreements signed by Deputy Director</b> [July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020]			
<b>DWSRF Project #</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>DWSRF Funding Amount</b>
4210009-001C	Cuyama Community Services District	Well No. 4 Drilling and Equipping	\$32,267 (+\$942,733 SCG = \$975,000 Total Funding)
2110001-001C	Inverness Public Utility	Tenney Tank Replacement	\$800,000
4710013-001P	Lake Shastina	Lake Shastina Drinking Water	\$50,000 (+\$450,000 SAFER = \$500,000 Total Funding)
4410010-002C	Santa Cruz, City of	Newell Creek Dam Inlet-Outlet Replacement Project	\$103,453,000
5200562-001P	Sky View County Water	Water System Improvements	\$48,000 (+\$25,000 SCG +\$425,000 SAFER = \$498,000 Total Funding)
0610004-001C	Williams, City of	Williams Water System	\$472,900 (+\$4,256,100 SCG = \$4,729,000 Total Funding)
		<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$104,856,167</b>

### Future Significant Events

DWSRF is communicating with U.S. EPA on the upcoming 2020/2021 Needs Survey. The Needs Survey is a significant effort to collect detailed 20-year infrastructure costs and Capital Improvement Plans from all drinking water systems in the state. The collected information will be reviewed by staff and reported in a specific format to the U.S. EPA to determine future DWSRF program funding distribution among the fifty states. This effort was supposed to have started in the spring of 2020 but due to COVID-19 delay, the survey is anticipated to start in October 2020.

### **Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)**

WRFP Planning & Pilot Project Grants July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020			
Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Type / Source	Grant Amount
8537-110	City of Mountain View – Recycled Water Feasibility Study Update	Planning Grant / Prop 13	\$75,000
8542-110	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District – Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Demonstration Project	Pilot Grant / Prop 1	\$893,249
8538-110	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – Evaluating Membrane Bioreactor for Potable Reuse Treatment	Pilot Grant / Prop 1	\$1,000,000
8452-110	City of Sutter Creek – Pre Design for Wastewater Treatment Replacement Project	Planning Grant / Prop 13	\$75,000

### **Office of Operator Certification (OOC)**

#### **Wastewater Operator Certification**

##### Completed Significant Events

The Wastewater Operator Certification Program (WWOCP) is given authority in the California Water Code (sections 13625 – 13633) to administer examinations to operators of wastewater treatment plants. WWOCP is required to provide at least two examinations per year in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 26, section 3701 subdivision (a). Due to COVID-19 concerns and shelter-in-place orders, the October 10, 2020 examination was cancelled.

##### Future Significant Events

OOC is administering emergency examinations in groups under 10 throughout October, November, and December for water systems that have compliance or potential compliance issues, and staffing issues due to the regular examination cancellation. The WWOCP is moving forward with computer-based testing and are anticipating having this available to examinees in early 2021

Wastewater Number of Active Certificates Holders, by Grade				
Grade	2020	2019	2018	2017
OIT	777	764	616	607
I	789	773	792	796
II	1477	1500	1454	1477
III	1847	1848	1718	1674
IV	454	460	456	472
V	1079	1066	988	974
Total	6423	6411	6024	6000

Reporting period: April 1 – September 30, 2020	
Wastewater Operator Certification Program	Wastewater
Exam Applications received	253
Certification Applications received	326
Certificates/ Renewals issued	316/1108

### **Drinking Water Operator Certification Program**

#### Completed Significant Events

The Drinking Water Operator Certification Program cancelled the September 19, 2020 Distribution exam due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

#### Future Significant Events

The Water Treatment exam (grades 1 – 4) scheduled for November 7, 2020 has also been cancelled. The Water Treatment Grade 5 oral exam will be held in December 2020 via teleconference.

Reporting period: April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020	
Drinking Water Operator Certification Program	Distribution
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	3976
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	2314

Distribution Annual Number of Certificate Holders, by Grade					
Grade	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
1	3888	4077	4156	4261	4282
2	9218	9645	9326	9422	9084
3	4032	4093	3863	3911	3791
4	1814	1844	1760	1778	1650
5	1171	1147	1056	1019	964
Total	20123	20806	20161	20391	19771

## **Marketing and Outreach**

The Marketing and Outreach unit was part of the California Financing Coordinating Committee panel at the Floodplain Management Association (FMA) exhibit booths on September 9, 2020.

FMA is the premier organization for floodplain management professionals interested in reducing flood risk and creating sustainable floodplains. The association serves as an unbiased forum for legislature, government, industry, and science to advance best practices, technologies, policies, regulations, and legal strategies, with a focus on California, Nevada, and Hawaii.

FMA's mission is to improve flood safety and maximize floodplain resources through effective dialogue, collaboration, education, legislation, and policy.

## **OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Water Conservation**

The [Urban Water Conservation Reporting Regulation](#) was adopted at the April 21 Board Meeting. Conservation staff submitted the rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) at the end of May. The rulemaking became effective October 1, 2020.

### **COVID-19**

The water shutoff reporting site received 24 reports for the month of August.

The Board and the California Public Utilities Commission will hold a virtual joint workshop on Friday, October 30, 2020 to discuss the financial impacts to water systems and households due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion topics will include data collection, customer assistance programs, and emergency assistance for small water systems.

## **OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT**

**North Coast Water Board to consider \$6.4 million fine against luxury resort developer for Clean Water Act violations:** After settlement negotiations broke down between the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the developer of the 258-acre Saggio Hills resort over the alleged discharge of millions of gallons of highly turbid water into Russian River tributaries, the regional board scheduled a December public hearing to consider the proposed \$6.4 million fine. The [hearing to consider the amended complaint](#) will be conducted December 10-11. Sonoma Luxury Resort LLC has the option to pay the proposed penalty, propose a settlement or supplemental environmental project, or contest the proposed penalty.

At the hearing, the regional board will consider the amended administrative complaint against the developer, Sonoma Luxury Resorts LLC, that includes new evidence of three additional unauthorized discharge events not in the original complaint. This increases the total discharge volume from 6.6 million to 9.4 million gallons and the proposed fine from \$4.9 million to \$6.4 million. The investigation by board staff found major violations of the federal Clean Water Act and stormwater permitting program that threatened vulnerable salmon populations and harmed water quality in tributaries of the Russian River.

**Water Quality Enforcement Actions Issued August 2020**

**Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued:**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/City</b>	<b>Violation(s) Addressed</b>	<b>ACL Order Amount</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
1	Sonoma Luxury Resort LLC / Healdsburg	Discharge of fine sediment in receiving waters that support a habitat for aquatic species including endangered salmonids.	\$6,425,680	9/14/2020
8	Industrial Coating/ Anaheim	Failure to obtain coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit.	\$6,164	9/8/2020

**ACL Orders Issued:**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/City</b>	<b>Violation(s) Addressed</b>	<b>ACL Order Amount</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
5R	UPRR Dunsmuir Railyard / Dunsmuir	Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for one exceedance each of the both the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) and the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for total recoverable lead.	\$6,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	9/23/2020
5S	Nevada CSD No 1/ Nevada City	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for nitrate</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for nitrate</li> </ul>	\$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/2/2020
5S	Yuba City WWTF/ Yuba City	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the instantaneous minimum effluent limit for pH</li> <li>• 3 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform</li> </ul>	\$12,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/2/2020



Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
5S	Galt WWTP & Reclamation Facility/ Galt	MMPs for one exceedance of the AMEL for zinc	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/2/2020

### Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
5F	Calaveras County Water District / Murphys	CAO R5-2020-0702 issued for objectionable odors and failure to prevent public contact from reclaimed waters. It requires the Discharger to continue implementing its Effluent Storage Pond Long-Term Odor and Algae Control Plan and by September 4, 2020, to provide documentation that 1) a contract is in place to treat effluent storage reservoir at least through 1 October 2020; 2) public access to the reservoir is precluded (through fences, signs, etc.); 3) signs are placed to alert the public of the use of reclaimed water. By this same date, the Discharger shall submit a statement of intent for the future use of reclaimed wastewater on the golf course and an Updated Water Balance Report. By October 1, 2020, the Discharger shall remove all vegetation from the effluent storage reservoir and surrounding berms.	9/1/2020

### Time Schedule Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
4	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts / Glendale	TSO to allow additional time to install new Best Management Practices (BMPs) and implement additional policies to achieve compliance with numeric effluent limits for cadmium, copper, lead, and zinc.	9/18/2020
4	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts/ South Gate	TSO to allow additional time to install new Best Management Practices (BMPs) and implement additional policies to achieve compliance with numeric effluent limits for copper, lead, and zinc.	9/18/2020

**Other Enforcement Actions Taken:**

<b>Region/Division</b>	<b>Actions Issued</b>	<b>Region/Division</b>	<b>Actions Issued</b>
1	1	5S	13
2	1	6T	4
3	16	6V	4
4	74	7	0
5F	5	8	483
5R	0	9	3

**OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS**

California Water Quality Monitoring Council

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Council) held a meeting on September 24, 2020, to discuss several pertinent items including a roll the Monitoring Council’s new strategic plan and new MOU, an update on sewershed monitoring, molecular method sampling SOPs, and project prioritization. For more information please see:

[http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/meetings/index.html#2020](http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/index.html#2020).

Updates on the meeting agenda and the Council activities will be sent out via the Council email list and posted on the same website. To receive updates by email regarding activities of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. Subscribe online to the "California Water Quality Monitoring Council (SB 1070)" email list located under the “General Interest” section. The Council and several of its workgroups also participated on a panel at the 2020 CASQA Conference to provide information and increase participation from the stormwater sector.

## IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

### September 2020

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) from August 15, 2020 to September 15, 2020; and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board) Program from July 15, 2020 to September 15, 2020. Next month's report will present activities of the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Boards' Programs and cover the time-period from August 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

**State Water Board** fees staff presented three different Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF) fee schedule options to the Board on September 15, 2020. The Board opted for slight FY 2020-2021 fee increases with the remaining increase needed deferred to the following years. This option equates to a 3.5 percent FY 2020-2021 fee increase for the ILRP, with an expected increase of 3.4 percent for FY 2021-2022 and a 7.3 percent increase for FY 2022-2023.

**Central Valley Regional Water Board** convened an external expert review of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's surface water monitoring framework, as directed by State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ-2018-0002. Steve Weisberg of SCCWRP is facilitating the five-member panel external review. The first public Panel Meeting was held in January 2020, with two days at the Central Valley Water Board's Rancho Cordova office and one day touring the Coalition's monitoring locations. The Panel reconvened August 24-26, 2020 via a web-based platform. Additional panel and meeting information is available on the [Expert Review Panel for the East San Joaquin \(ESJ\) Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program](https://www.sccwrp.org/about/research-areas/additional-research-areas/east-san-joaquin-expert-panel/) (<https://www.sccwrp.org/about/research-areas/additional-research-areas/east-san-joaquin-expert-panel/>) website.

In August, the Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer approved completion of three surface water management plans for the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition:

- Copper at Lower Honcut Creek (8/18/20)
- Copper at Pine Creek (8/31/20)
- Chlorpyrifos at Pine Creek (8/31/20)

The implemented management plans successfully eliminated water quality problems caused or influenced by discharge of agricultural pollutants into surface receiving waters. The Coalition held multiple member meetings and conducted targeted outreach to individual growers to provide general and site-specific guidance regarding practices to protect water quality. Water quality analyses showed that receiving water limits were met, demonstrating the effectiveness of implemented practices.

Central Valley Water Board staff continue to concentrate on compliance, outreach, and enforcement efforts in the following areas: agricultural parcel inspections; Water Code section 13260 Directives; Notices of Violation for failure to respond to a Water Code section 13260 Directive and failure to comply with Orders; and documentation for Administrative Civil Liability Complaints. Currently, there are approximately 28,000 members enrolled in the program throughout the region, covering around 5.8 million acres. Staff is continuing to focus on enrollment as well as non-reporting compliance and enforcement activities.

State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ-2018-0002 directed the Central Valley Water Board to develop an on-farm drinking water well monitoring program. This program has been initiated in eight coalition areas, and 3,500 on-farm drinking water wells have been monitored for nitrate and nitrite as nitrogen. The monitoring data is publicly available on GeoTracker.

Central Valley Water Board staff provided an information item during the September 15<sup>th</sup> State Water Board meeting regarding the implementation of Order WQ-2018-0002.

Additional program information can be found at the [Central Valley Regional Board website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/index.html) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/irrigated\\_lands/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/index.html))