



State Water Resources Control Board



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Senate Bill 1137 Pre-Rulemaking Workshop on Health Protection Zones for Oil and Gas Operations

On March 19 and 20, 2025, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff participated as panelists in a public workshop for Senate Bill 1137 Health Protection Zone's pre-rulemaking public comment period to make permanent emergency regulations regarding health protection zones for oil and gas operations. The workshops were hosted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) and the California Air Resources Board and included an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback. State Water Board staff addressed questions related to potential water sampling in Health Protection Zones. Written public comments were due by March 31, 2025.

Utility Wildfire General Order

~~On March 21, 2025, the State Water Board released the Draft Utility Wildfire and Similar Operations and Maintenance Activities Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for a 30-day public review and comment period, to close on April 21, 2025. Senate Bill 901 (Dodd, 2018) requires utility companies to prepare wildfire prevention plans, including vegetation management plans along utility corridors. Staff are developing a permit for electric utilities that conduct wildfire mitigation and electric operations and maintenance activities with the potential to affect waters of the state. On June 28, 2024, staff released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and General Order and the State Water Board held a hearing to accept oral comments August 20, 2024. More information on the Utility Wildfire General Order is available on the [State Water Board's 401 Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Program website](#). The anticipated date for Board consideration of adoption is Fall 2025.¹~~

Volumetric Annual Reporting of Wastewater and Recycled Water

The 2024 Volumetric Annual Report module opened for data submittal in January 2025. The Reporting module can be accessed through the [GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information \(ESI\) portal](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/esi) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/esi>) and reporting reminders will be emailed periodically until the due date. Applicable wastewater and recycled water permittees are required to submit the 2024 Volumetric Annual Report through the volumetric annual report module in GeoTracker by **April 30, 2025**.

¹ Updated on March 24, 2025 to note that the release of the Draft Utility Wildfire General Order has been delayed.

The 2024 Volumetric Annual Report is the same format as the previous year and requires the entry of volumes in acre-feet per month for influent, effluent and if applicable, recycled water use. Volumetric conversion factors can be found in the [Help Guide](#).

Additional information, including the Help Guide and Webinar training for submitting the Volumetric Annual Report, and data, infographics, and interactive map for 2019-2023 can be found on the [Volumetric Reporting Webpage](#).

Draft 2026 California Integrated Report

On March 18, 2025, the State Water Board held a hearing to take public comment on the Draft 2026 California Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of Impaired Waters (303(d) list), which is part of the Draft 2026 California Integrated Report. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to identify waterbody segments that do not meet or are not expected to meet water quality standards and to prioritize those waterbody segments for development of a total maximum daily load, unless other corrective action is appropriate. Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to report on the overall condition of its surface waterbodies (commonly referred to as the “305(b) report”). California combines its 303(d) list and 305(b) report into one “Integrated Report.”

The Draft 2026 California Integrated Report includes assessments of readily available data from waterbody segments within the boundaries of the Colorado River Basin, Lahontan, and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Data and information from waterbody segments within the San Joaquin River sub-area of the Central Valley Region and a limited number of waterbody segments in the Central Coast and San Diego regions are also included. Approximately 426 new waterbody segments are recommended to be added as the 303(d) list, and 136 waterbody segments are recommended to be removed from the 303(d) list.

On January 30, 2025, the State Water Board released the Draft 2026 303(d) list, and the Draft Staff Report for public review and comment. The public comment and review period closes at 12:00 (noon) on April 2, 2025. More information on the California Integrated Report is available on the [program's website](#). The State Water Board will consider adopting the proposed 2026 303(d) list at a subsequent board meeting in early 2026.

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update: The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

Cannabis Cultivation Program Update: The Cannabis Cultivation Program reports are included in Appendix B of this report.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY - DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Water Rights Modernization (Action 4.3)

Telemetry Pilot Project

Contact Execution: Russian River Telemetry Study. As soon as the week of March 25, 2025 staff will execute a contract with a firm to procure, install, and maintain telemetered water monitoring equipment in and near the Russian River watershed. This contract is for about \$12 million for work from 2025-2028. The firm will be selected through a competitive Request for Qualifications process.

Outreach: Russian River Telemetry Study. Staff met with leadership of the Russian River Confluence on March 13, 2025 to collaborate on options to continue operation of new telemetry stations after project funding expires.

Supply & Demand Assessment

Division of Water Rights staff continue to develop water supply models, water demand data sets, and water allocation tools for selected watersheds across California. Staff are actively engaging with agencies, partners, water users, and other interested parties to educate them on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program and the models and tools being developed. On February 26, 2025, staff met with and gave a program overview to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District (Russian River, Gualala River). On March 11, 2025, staff met with the technical team of the Napa County Groundwater Advisory Committee to further discuss integration of the Board's surface water model with Napa County's groundwater model. On March 12, 2025, staff participated in a field visit and tour hosted by the Western Canal Water District (Butte Creek).

Drought-related Items

Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds: On January 7, 2025, the State Water Board readopted an emergency regulation for the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds. The Office of Administrative Law approved the emergency regulation on January 27, 2025, and is in effect for one year.

- Curtailments. Curtailments in the Scott River watershed and the Shasta River watershed are suspended. Surface water diversions for inefficient livestock watering are only allowed when the criteria established in section 875.7(b) of the emergency regulation are met. Staff are closely monitoring conditions in both watersheds and will share updates via the Board's Scott River and Shasta River watersheds webpage and via the Board's "Scott-Shasta Drought" email list.
- Local Cooperative Solutions. Division of Water Rights staff held a public meeting in Etna (Siskiyou County) on February 25, 2025. Water users and other interested parties were invited to hear about groundwater local cooperative solutions for the 2025 irrigation season. Proposals for these local cooperative solutions are due no later than April 15, 2025.

- Solicitation of Resources for Longer Term Efforts. On March 11, 2025, Division of Water Rights staff released a [Notice of Opportunity to Provide Input on Information for Development of Economic Analysis and Scientific Basis Report\(s\) for Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds](#) to solicit public input on the scientific, technical, and economic information that should be considered to support the development of an economic analysis and scientific basis report(s) for baseline minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds. The deadline for submitting additional information that the Board should consider is Friday, April 25, 2025.

Clear Lake Hitch: The Division of Water Rights presented updates and answered questions regarding the Board's Clear Lake Hitch efforts at a public meeting in Lakeport that was hosted by the Lake County Farm Bureau on March 13, 2025. Other presenters included the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habematolel Pomo and Upper Lake, and the County of Lake. On March 27, 2025, Board members and staff toured the Clear Lake Watershed to see the progress of various hitch-related projects, observe how flows can affect hitch spawning and migration, and meet with tribal representatives and land owners to discuss new and continued challenges, potential solutions, ongoing monitoring work and data needs, and local voluntary actions.

PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Water Rights Enforcement In March 2025, the Division of Water Rights issued 149 Notices of Violation to water right holders for failure to file annual water use statements for their riparian and pre-1914 water right claims. The Notices of Violation give the diverters an opportunity to come into compliance, including individualized support to help the public file their statements online. For a complete listing of Notices of Violation issued, see our webpage where we post all [Notices of Violation](#).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION, CANNABIS, DATA MODERNIZATION, WATER SUPPLY & DEMAND, INSTREAM FLOWS, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND REPORTING BRANCH

Water Quality Certifications

Merced River and Merced Fall Hydroelectric Projects: On January 27, 2025, State Water Board staff released a [draft water quality certification](#) for Merced Irrigation District's (Merced ID's) Merced River Hydroelectric Project and Merced Falls Hydroelectric Project (Projects). The comment period concluded on February 28, 2025, with comments received from: Gallo Vineyards, Inc. and G3 Enterprises, Inc.; Merced ID; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Conservation Groups (Merced River Conservation Committee, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Golden West Women Flyfishers, Friends of the River, American Whitewater, Tuolumne River Trust, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, the Upper Merced River Watershed Council); and MaryAnn Cardoza. On March 18, 2025, Merced ID withdrew its water quality certification application for the Projects. Therefore, the Board no longer has pending requests for certification for the Projects to act on.

Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project: There are three updates related to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project (Project):

(1) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License Surrender; (2) Existing License Amendment; and (3) New Eel-Russian Facility Water Diversion Agreement, which are discussed further below.

- FERC License Surrender: On January 31, 2025, PG&E released for public review and comment a Draft License Surrender Application and Conceptual Decommissioning Plan for the surrender of the Project. On March 3, 2025, State Water Board staff provided technical comments to PG&E and plan to provide supplemental comments by March 24, 2025. PG&E is expected to submit a Final Surrender Application in July 2025.
- Existing License Amendment: On February 20, 2025, the State Water Board received a water quality certification application from PG&E related to its FERC license amendment request. PG&E's amendment request seeking to amend its existing Project license to: (1) reduce East Branch Russian River minimum instream flows; and (2) alter minimum instream flows in the Eel River. PG&E's amendment would maintain reduced storage at Lake Pillsbury due to dam safety concerns with Scott Dam.
- New Eel-Russian Facility Water Diversion Agreement: On February 13, 2025, Round Valley Indian Tribes, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Humboldt County, Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, Sonoma County Water Agency, California Trout, and Trout Unlimited signed an Memorandum of Understanding to advance a water diversion agreement associated with a New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF) that would provide for Eel River water diversions to the Russian River following Project surrender. The MOU includes diversion criteria intended to protect Eel River ecology and CDFW funding for diversion improvements and restoration.

Water Rights Diversion and Use Reporting for 2023-24

Annual Water Use Reporting for the 2023-24 water year began on October 1, 2024. All reports must be submitted through the Report Management System (<https://rms.waterboards.ca.gov>). Water right holders were required to report on their water use for last year's water year (i.e., October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) by February 1, 2025. As of March 6, 2025, two-thirds of all water use reports have been submitted.

Beginning this reporting year, late fees will apply to appropriative water rights and registrations if annual reports are submitted more than 30 days after the deadline. The amount of the late fee is based on how late the water use information is reported and the size of the water right. More information can be found at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rms_help.

Water Rights staff are available via email (rms@waterboards.ca.gov) and phone (916.341.5431) to provide assistance to reporters.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)

Planning/Construction Project Summary

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments approved in the month of February 2025.

Drinking Water

No new drinking water planning or construction agreements were executed in February 2025.

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (February 2025)						
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
1710013	Callayomi County Water District	1710013-003C	Callayomi County Water District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding Increase of \$597,161 and CC date 12/15/2024 to 12/15/2026	Not At-Risk
3310047	Cabazon Water District	3310047-001P	Cabazon Water District	Time Extension	Work completion date from 6/1/2024 to 9/1/2026	Not At-Risk
5010008	City of Hughson	5010008-011C	Well #7 Well Replacement and Arsenic Treatment	Other	Final disbursement request date from 3/31/2024 to 12/31/2025	Failing
1900942/ 1910102	Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park/Palmdale Water District	D2118152	Palmdale Water District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$303,910 and work completion date from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2026	Failing/ Not Assessed
3301990	Amezcuca - Garcia Water	D1811421	Caritas Corporation	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$100,000	Failing

Wastewater

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Executed
(February 2025)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
N/A	N/A	8672-110	Thermalito Water and Sewer District	This project will consist of diverting the wastewater to the Thermalito Water and Sewer District/Sewage Commission-Oroville Region collection system, and then to the Sewage Commission-Oroville Region Wastewater Treatment Plant, where the wastewater will be ultimately treated.	\$1,580,000.00	N/A

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended
(February 2025)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
N/A	N/A	8359-110	Kettleman City Community Services District	Time Extension	Work completion date from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2028	N/A
N/A	N/A	8421-110	Colusa, City of	Time Extension and Funding Decrease	Funding decrease of \$214,439 and CC date from 12/31/2024 to 6/30/2025	N/A
N/A	N/A	8529-110	Eastern Municipal Water District	Time Extension	Work completion date from 12/30/2024 to 6/30/2026	N/A
N/A	N/A	8579-110	Coachella Valley Water District	Time Extension	Completion of construction from 1/1/2025 to 6/30/2026	N/A
N/A	N/A	D2217003	Santa Cruz, County of	Time Extension	Work completion date from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2026	N/A

Administrator Summary

No new administrator agreements or work plans approved in February 2025.

DFA staff prepared an amendment to the Administrator Policy Handbook and was approved by the Board at the February 22, 2025 Board Meeting. The handbook amendment incorporates provisions pursuant to Assembly Bill 805 (2024) for the appointment of administrators to inadequate sewer services.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

No new direct O&M projects were approved in February 2025.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

No new or amended technical assistance master agreements approved in February 2025.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 381 public water systems (179 Failing and 67 At-Risk systems) and to 63 wastewater systems. 48.48% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans approved in the month of February 2025.

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6078-D	Pauma Valley Mutual Water Company	CA3700934	Assistance with a construction application for consolidation with Yuima MWD	UEI	DW	\$789,317 (No Change)	Failing	Selenium, Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), Nitrates
Work Plan Amendment	6392-F	Guatay MBC	CA3700897	Feasibility Study to evaluate consolidation	RCAC	DW	\$122,766 (\$47,034 Increase)	Failing	Combined Uranium
Work Plan Amendment	6483-D	Winterhaven Mobile Estates	CA1900961	Full planning project to address arsenic violations.	UEI	DW	\$654,406 (No Change)	Failing	Arsenic

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6627-C	Park Royal Mutual Water Company	CA4900553	Feasibility study to evaluate consolidation with City of Santa Rosa	UEI	DW	\$111,397 (\$24,296 Increase)	Failing	Arsenic
Work Plan Amendment	6644-B	Pine Grove Mobile Home Park	CA4500290	Full planning project to consolidate Pine Grove MHP with Fall River Valley CSD	UEI	DW	\$376,947 (No Change)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6809-B	Brookside MHP	CA3600385	Feasibility study for consolidation with City of Redlands	RCAC	DW	\$100,719 (No Change)	Failing	No alternative water source
Work Plan Amendment	6875-C	Antelope Blvd - Tehama County	CA5200546, CA5201140, CA5200507, CA5200008, CA5200714, CA5200547, CA5200517, CA5200598, CA5200007, CA5200588, CA5200573, CA5200515, CA5200584, CA5200545, CA5200571, CA5200555, CA5200508, CA5200510, CA5200012	Full planning and outreach to consolidate homes in the Antelope Blvd area to the City of Red Bluff	RCAC	DW	\$740,231 (No Change)	5 At-Risk / 5 Not At-Risk / 4 Potentially At-Risk	N/A

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6990-B	Plainview Mutual Water Company	CA5410039	Transfer Wastewater work plan from Prop 1, continuing work started in Prop 1 Work Plan	SHE	WW	\$2,467 (\$127,943 Decrease)	Failing	1,2,3 – Trichloropropane, Nitrate, Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), TTHM
Work Plan Amendment	6991-B	Three Palms Mobile Home Park	No PWSID (Waste Water)	Transfer Wastewater work plan from Prop 1, continuing work started in Prop 1 Work Plan	SHE	WW	\$155,492 (\$1,249 Decrease)	No PWSID (Waste Water)	No PWSID (Waste Water)
Work Plan Amendment	7024-D	Lemon Cove	No PWSID (Waster Water)	Full planning to address WWTF issues	SHE	WW	\$53,535 (\$13,232 Increase)	No PWSID (Waste Water)	No PWSID (Waste Water)
Work Plan Amendment	7038-B	Cuyamaca Water District	CA3700074	Feasibility Study to adress exceedance of secondary MCL iron and manganese	GHD	DW	\$181,361 (\$68,705 Increase)	Failing	Iron, Manganese, Revised Total Coliform Rule
Work Plan Amendment	7105-B	Bodega WC	CA4900850	Engineering Report, Hydrogeological Study, and (if needed) test well development	GHD	DW	\$698,121 (No Change)	Failing	TTHM
New Work Plan	7273-A	Little Lake MHP	CA2300705	Feasibility Study for a collapsed well	P&P	DW	\$99,844 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Unreliable water supply, Manganese

* - Non-failing system work plan approval on a case-by-case basis.

** TA Providers:

CRWA California Rural Water Association
CWC Community Water Center
CWH Council for Watershed Health
LCJA Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

PUCDC Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation
 RCAC Rural Community Assistance Corporation
 SHE Self-Help Enterprises
 UEI University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)
 CSUSB University Enterprise (CSU San Bernardino)
 P&P Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

*** DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

One TA Request was approved as capacity development/subvention tasks in February 2025.

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

The following SAFER agreements and amendments were approved in the month of February 2025.

SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments February 2025						
PWSID	SAFER Status	Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category
N/A	N/A	Self Help Enterprises	An amendment to SHE's Regional Bottled Water Program that extends the program for an additional year and increases the total funding.	Added: \$2,815,416 Total: \$9,707,680	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Interim Solutions
N/A	N/A	Self Help Enterprises	An amendment to SHE's Tanks and Hauled Water Program that extends the program for an additional year and increases the total funding.	Added: \$9,500,000 Total: \$95,876,502	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Interim Solutions
4900508	Failing	Cazadero Water Company Inc.	The proposed project is to provide bottled drinking water to 10 homes that are getting untreated water and to install chlorination devices at two locations. Cazadero is a	\$125,000	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Interim Solutions

SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments February 2025

PWSID	SAFER Status	Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category
			system with an administrator, Russian River Utility which submitted the application.			

Emergency Repair Funding Programs

No Emergency funding requests were approved in the month of February 2025.

PWSID	SAFER Status	Water System Requesting Assistance	TA Provider	Emergency Type	Project Scope	Total Amount Approved
CA1500401	Failing	Mettler County Water District	SHE	Loss of water supply	Repairing Well 03 by replacing pump, motor, relevant piping, and issuing notices to community.	\$68,589.13
CA5400567	Failing	Tooleville Mutual Nonprofit Water Association	SHE	Loss of water supply	Addendum #2 for actual costs at Morgan Well repairs.	\$627.34
CA1502229	Failing	Rio Bravo Greeley School Water System	SHE	Loss of water supply	Addendum #1 for actual costs with contractors and tax rate of 8.25%	\$702.93

Funding Provided for Emergency Drought Response

DFA staff continue to coordinate closely with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on their drought funding as well as outreach to set up county-level programs to respond to either water shortage or water quality issues for those served by state small water systems and domestic wells. Combined, the State Water Board and DWR are working with 16 counties and continue to coordinate with several other counties on submitting applications.

Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects

No requests for Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding were approved in February 2025.

Schools Grant Programs

Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program

No approved projects in February 2025.

Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

The following school was approved in February 2025:

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Manzanita Elementary School District	Manzanita Elementary School	Manzanita Elementary School	CA0400063	Failing	New School	Until Work Completion Date of 2/28/2026 or up to 2 years if grant is extended	355

University Enterprises Incorporated – PFAS Sampling Program

This program provides technical assistance to water systems for collecting and analyzing drinking water well samples for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at all wells serving disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, as required by State Water Board Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. Sampling and analysis services are provided by University Enterprises Incorporated, Office of Water Programs and their partners at no cost to the water systems. All drinking water wells will be sampled at least once. A second round of sampling will be decided by the State Water Board after the first round of sampling is complete. To date, 99% of eligible water systems (1,140 of 1,143) are registered to be sampled and 1,654 wells out of the 3,664 scheduled have been sampled.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

CWSRF Future Significant Events

Policy Amendment (Board Meeting)

On May 6, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider adopting the proposed amendment to the Policy for Implementing the CWSRF (CWSRF Policy) Program, at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Intended Use Plan (Board Workshop)

Staff plan to release the proposed Intended Use Plan in May 2025 and a Board Workshop to receive public comments is tentatively planned for June 2025.

Annual Report

Staff are now preparing the SFY 2023/24 Annual Report.

Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)

The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4 or the Climate Bond), approved by voters in November 2024, authorizes \$10 billion to protect communities and nature from the impacts of climate change, such as drought, flooding, wildfire, extreme heat, and sea level rise; to reduce or remove carbon pollution where possible; and in some cases address existing environmental challenges exacerbated by climate change. Approximately \$386 million of the authorization was approved for water reuse and recycling projects. The WRFP will use its current guidelines to award and implement existing projects. The Proposition 4 language also required the WRFP to develop guidance for large-scale projects. Staff expect to amend the 2019 WRFP Guidelines to incorporate large-scale project eligibility and guidance in December 2025.

Water Supply Strategy (WSS) (Action 1.1) Update

The SFY 2024-25 CWSRF Intended Use Plan was adopted on August 6, 2024, and includes grant maximums for the Water Recycling Funding Program. The Governor's Proposed Budget for SFY 2025-26 proposes to reduce water recycling general fund appropriations by \$51 million. Staff will continue to encumber and fund project applications as they are ready to proceed and as additional funds through Proposition 4 become available.

Clean Water

Clean Water Funding Agreements Executed (February 2025)						
Water Recycling						
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
N/A	N/A	8835-110	Atascadero, City of	The City has recently embarked on a program to increase WRF capacity to accommodate City growth and ensure the WRF will comply with the General Waste Discharge Requirements.	\$150,000.00	N/A

Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (February 2025)						
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
N/A	N/A	8498-110	Union Sanitary District	Time Extension	Construction completion date from 5/13/2024 to 4/30/2026	N/A
Stormwater						
N/A	N/A	D1712666	South Gate, City of	Time Extension	Work completion date from 12/31/2024 to 6/30/2026	N/A
N/A	N/A	D2112154	Los Angeles, County of	Time Extension	Work completion date from 8/31/2024 to 10/31/2025	N/A
N/A	N/A	D2112165	San Bernardino County Flood Control District	Time Extension	Work completion date from 2/28/2025 to 2/28/2027	N/A
Water Recycling						
N/A	N/A	8771-110	Fort Bragg, City of	Time Extension	Work completion date from 5/31/2025 to 5/31/2026	N/A

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

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DWSRF Future Significant Events

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Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (February 2025)						
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
3110011	Tahoe City PUD - McKinney/Quail	3110011-005C	Tahoe City Public Utility District	Time Extension	Construction completion date from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2025	Not At-Risk

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

From March 4th to March 7th, the County Engagement Unit hosted its annual Local Primacy Agency (LPA) Workshop. This workshop offered training to county environmental health staff on a wide range of topics, including water system financial management, permitting, emergency response, bacteriological failures, cross-connections, and presentations from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) on upcoming regulations. The 26 LPA counties in California oversee public water systems with fewer than 200 connections, which collectively account for approximately 3,000 small water systems. On average, 95 attendees participated in the training each day.

DDW conducted in-house sanitary survey training between March 10-13 in Clovis, California for approximately 40 staff. The training is required under the U.S. EPA primacy agreement and provides essential skills necessary to ensure public water systems provide a reliable supply of pure, wholesome and potable water to system customers. Participants from DDW's Field Operations Branches, the RAD Branch, Local Primacy Agencies, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Enforcement, and the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program engaged in field trips, lectures and discussions focused on best practices for identifying field deficiencies and evaluating risks to public health. The training emphasized the eight core elements of a sanitary survey (sources, treatment, distribution, finished water storage, pumps, monitoring and reporting, management and operations, and operator certification) and reinforced the importance of thorough documentation and effective inspections.

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, finished water storage 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 50 permits were uploaded between February 16, 2025, and March 15, 2025.

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
HOLLIDAY ROCK PLANT #2	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & RECLASS. TO TNC
USN SERE CAMP WARNER SPRINGS	FULL PERMIT	2025 PERMIT UPDATE
GOLDEN STATE WC - WEST ORANGE COUNTY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ORANGEWOOD WELL INACTIVATION
MAYWOOD MUTUAL WATER CO. #2	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REACTIVATION STATUS OF 52ND ST. WELL TREATMENT FACILITY

DEER MEADOW MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT PROVISIONS
TURLOCK AUCTION YARD, INC.	FULL PERMIT	RECLASSIFY TO NTNC
BANNER SMALL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
BELMONT COUNTRY CLUB	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
SUMMIT MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
LA CANTERA RACQUET CLUB	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT
WAYSIDE INN MARKET	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
PICACHO STATE RESERVATION AREA	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
GRACE MENNONITE SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	REFLECT CURRENT OPERATION
PG&E BALCH CAMP	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
CITY OF FRESNO	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	AUTHORIZE USE OF WELL 150
LEMOORE NAVAL AIR STATION	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
CORCORAN, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	NEW WELLS & UPDATE PERMIT
DUNLAP K-8 SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
MUSD -COULTERVILLE - GREELEY HILL SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE GAC FILTER MEDIA AND UPDATE PERMIT PROVISIONS
ALLUVIAL FUEL INC.	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NIMBUS TANKS 1 & 2 PERMIT AMENDMENT
BAKMAN WATER COMPANY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW FANCHER TANK
JPD REGIONAL POLICE TRAINING CENTER	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT CONDITIONS
MADERA CO MD1-HIDDEN LAKE ESTATES	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT CONDITIONS
FIRECLAY TILE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INCREASE ARSENIC POU TREATMENT CAPACITY TO 3000 GALLONS
LOWER LINE CREEK IMPRVMT ASSN	FULL PERMIT	WATER SERVICE TO KENNOLYN CAMPS
FCSA #34B/VENTANA HILLS	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
DANTE CLUB OF FRESNO	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT

SEAFAIR ROAD AND WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	REISSUE PERMIT
TURLOCK, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 13 ACTIVE TO INACTIVE
TABERNACLE OF PRAISE CHURCH	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
CIRCLE K RANCH	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS WATER DEPARTMENT	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
MUSD - WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	WELL 02 TREATMENT AND REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS
PARDEE RECREATION AREA	FULL PERMIT	NEW UF PLANT
KINGS RIVER PACKING- CENTERVILLE	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
QUAIL LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
SUMNER PECK RANCH	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
CWSC SALINAS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CONSOLIDATION WITH COUNTRY MEADOWS
WASCO, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD NEW WELL 13
LAKEVIEW IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION #1	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
SUNNYSIDE CONVALESCENT HOSP	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
BELMONT WATER CORPORATION	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
SAN JOAQUIN, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
EASTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	FULL PERMIT	RECLASS TO TNC & ADD CL2 TREATMENT
WESTERN VALLEY MEAT COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
WILSON ROAD WATER COMMUNITY	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
CLINGANS GROCERY	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
CAMP FRESNO WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	FULL DDW 2025 PERMIT
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DIST	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD NEW WELL 18

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 Level, or failed to communicate required information to 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 noted between February 15 and March 31, 2025.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
ALLUVIAL FUEL INC.	Monitoring	RTCR
ANTELOPE SPRINGS	Monitoring	NITRATE
BASS LAKE HEIGHTS MUTUAL WATER	Monitoring	ASBESTOS
BEST ROAD MWC	Monitoring	RTCR
BORJON WINERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
BRACKEN BRAE COUNTRY CLUB	Reporting	RTCR
CIOTTI CELLARS	Monitoring	RTCR
CIOTTI CELLARS	Monitoring	NITRATE
CITY OF STOCKTON	Monitoring	NITRATE
COARSEGOLD MARKET	Monitoring	TTHM
COARSEGOLD MARKET	Monitoring	HAA5
COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT COMMISSION	Monitoring	NITRATE
COSTANOA CAMPGROUND	MCL	TTHM
DREAM CATCHER CAMPGROUND	Monitoring	RTCR
DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	NITRATE
EAST ACRES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
EVERYBODY'S INN	Monitoring	NITRATE
FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DIST.	Monitoring	RTCR
FOSTER ROAD MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD

GONZALEZ WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
HUPPE MOORE LANDSCAPE	Monitoring	NITRATE
JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	RTCR
KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, BER	Monitoring	NITRATE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	BERYLLIUM, TOTAL
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ARSENIC
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ALKALINITY, BICARBONATE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ALUMINUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	CALCIUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ALKALINITY, CARBONATE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ANTIMONY, TOTAL
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	COLOR
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	FOAMING AGENTS (SURFACTANTS)
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	BARIUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	COPPER, FREE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO ₃)
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	CADMIUM

LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	NITRITE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	HYDROXIDE AS CALCIUM CARBONATE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	SULFATE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	CHLORIDE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	SILVER
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	MAGNESIUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	TDS
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	CHROMIUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	TURBIDITY
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	NICKEL
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ZINC
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	ODOR
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	IRON
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	MANGANESE
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	SELENIUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	MERCURY
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	THALLIUM, TOTAL
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	PH

LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	SODIUM
LAKESIDE PARK ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
LAKESIDE SD-LAKESIDE SCHOOL	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
LAZY J RANCH MOTEL	Monitoring	RTCR
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	LASSO
MALLO GOLD MINE PLAZA	Monitoring	RTCR
MANTECA, CITY OF	Monitoring	NITRATE
MARQUEZ RENTAL	MCL	TOTAL CHLORINE
MARTINS BEACH WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE
PALMER CREEK CSD	Reporting	CCR
PALOMAR CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER	Monitoring	RTCR
PIKE RANCH MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY
PIKE RANCH MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	NITRATE
PIKE RANCH MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	COMBINED URANIUM
PLEASANT VALLEY MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	NITRATE
RICHARD A. MCGEE TRAINING CENTER	Monitoring	HAA5
RICHARD A. MCGEE TRAINING CENTER	Monitoring	TTHM
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	2,3,7,8-TCDD
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	2,4,5-TP

SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	2,4-D
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	BENTAZON
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	CHLORDANE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	BENZO(A)PYRENE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ADIPATE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	DALAPON
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	BHC-GAMMA
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROBENZENE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	METHOXYCHLOR
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	DIQUAT
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	LASSO
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRITE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	DINOSEB
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	ENDOTHALL
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	MOLINATE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	PICLORAM
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE

SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	ENDRIN
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	GLYPHOSATE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	OXAMYL
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	PENTACHLOROPHENOL
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	TOTAL POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)
SAN JOAQUIN WINE COMPANY	Monitoring	TOXAPHENE
SAN JUAN OAKS MWC	Monitoring	RTCR
SILVER CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT	Monitoring	NITRATE
SIVANANDA YOGA FARM	MCL	E. COLI
STOCKTON SILVER LAKE FAMILY CAMP	Monitoring	NITRITE
STOCKTON SILVER LAKE FAMILY CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE
SUTTER PINES MHP	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
TAHOE VISTANA	Monitoring	NITRATE
USFS HELL HOLE	Monitoring	NITRATE
WADDINGTON W.W.	Monitoring	RTCR
WHITETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Reporting	CCR

YOSEMITE LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
YOSEMITE LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
Total Violations	125	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED – 2025		
	Feb. 16, 2025- March 16, 2025	Year-to-Date
New Accreditations	1	3
Renewed Accreditations	10	31
Reciprocity Accreditations	2	9
Amended Accreditations	14	47
Total	27	89

Laboratory Assessors to be trained on *Cerio daphnia* Expert Review Panel Findings

ELAP and Third-Party Assessment Providers will be trained by the Southern Coastal California Water Research Project (SCCWRP) on method requirements and recommendations developed by an expert science panel to improve the quality and consistency of the *C. dubia* toxicity test. This training will occur in Spring 2025 as part of an ongoing series of assessor training workshops provided by SCCWRP.

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for March 2025 (on 3/17/2025)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	397	Removed Failing Systems	1

Water System Removed from the Failing List in March 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
3600385	BROOKSIDE MHP	02/14/2025	SAN BERNARDINO	65

Water Systems Added to the HR2W List in March 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
4500247	WEST COTTONWOOD APARTMENTS	03/01/2025	SHASTA	90
2000800	MARQUEZ RENTAL	02/18/2025	MADERA	50

SAFER Engagement Units

Northern Tulare County Joint Community Meeting

On February 26, 2025, the State Water Board hosted a Northern Tulare County Joint Community Meeting at Sultana Elementary School to discuss the potential consolidation of five local water systems: Orosi Public Utility District (PUD), Cutler PUD, Monson Community Services District (CSD), Sultana CSD, and East Erosi CSD. The meeting, attended by approximately 50 community members and board representatives, focused on high-level proposed alternatives for consolidation. Speakers included representatives from the State Water Board, including Board Member Firestone, consultant engineering firm Provost and Pritchard, UC Berkeley's Kristen Dobbin. The meeting included a public comment period for community members to ask questions and provide comments on the project.

Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidations were completed during March 2025.

Name	Type	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
CWSC Country Meadows	Community	61	107	Consolidated with CWSC Salinas
OID #41 – Mountain View	Community	147	42	Consolidated with the CITY OF OAKDALE

DDW submitted a notice of proposed action package for the onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water regulations to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on March 11, 2025. If approved by OAL, the notice will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on March 21, 2025. The publication will officially start the regular rulemaking process and start the minimum 45-day public comment period. The State Water Board will subsequently have one year to complete the rulemaking process and submit the completed rulemaking file to OAL.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Update on Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) Fees Stakeholder Process

Staff held the following stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2025-26 fees:

March 6 – Water Quality and Water Rights and March 7 – Drinking Water and ELAP.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Press Releases

No enforcement press releases at this time.

Other Enforcement Related Updates

No other enforcement related updates at this time.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Carrillo, Raul/ Covelo	Between September 15, 2024 and February 10, 2025, the Dischargers failed to comply with Required Action No. 1 (submit a Cleanup, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan) contained in North Coast Water Board Cleanup and Abatement and Investigative Order No. R1-2024-0034	\$55,335	2/10/2025

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
3	Ca Dept of Corrections San Luis Obispo/ San Luis Obispo	Discharge of an estimated 50,000 gallons of partially treated domestic/municipal wastewater from the WWTP to Chorro Creek on December 11, 2022, discharge of an estimated 400,200 gallons of filter backwash waste to Chorro Reservoir and Chorro Creek between August 14, 2023, and August 22, 2023, and various effluent violations from May 24, 2023, through May 31, 2024.	\$1,671,605 (\$1,483,605 to the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) & \$188,000 to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP))	2/26/2025
4	852 N Knoll LLC/ West Hollywood	Mandatory minimum penalty (MMP) for an exceedance of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for tetrachloroethene (PCE).	\$3,000 (all to CAA)	2/5/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	Magic Mountain, LLC (Former Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc)/ Valencia	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 exceedances of the single sample maximum effluent limit for fecal coliform • 50 exceedances of the single sample maximum effluent limit for Escherichia coli (E. coli) • Exceedance of the MDEL for total dissolved solids (TDS) • 5 exceedances of the MDEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) • 9 exceedances of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for BOD • 6 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 14 exceedances of the AMEL for copper • 11 exceedances of the MDEL for total suspended solids (TSS) • 13 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS • 8 exceedances of the AMEL for turbidity • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for turbidity • 12 exceedances of the AMEL for settleable solids • 9 exceedances of the MDEL for settleable solids • Exceedance of the AMEL for ammonia • Exceedance of the MDEL for total residual chlorine • Exceedance of the MDEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate • 4 exceedances of the MDEL for chloride 	\$585,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Intergulf Development(495 Hartford)LLC/ Los Angeles	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of both the MDEL and the AMEL for selenium & • Late 3rd Quarter 2023 self-monitoring report (SMR) was due on 11/14/2023 and was submitted 150 days late on 4/12/2024. • Late 2nd Quarter 2024 SMR was due on 8/14/2024 and was submitted 51 days late on 10/4/2024. 	\$21,000 (MMP – all to the CAA)	2/5/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	BARDAS Investment Group/ Los Angeles	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the MDEL for TSS • Exceedance of the AMEL for TSS • Exceedance of the AMEL for turbidity Exceedance of the MDEL for settleable solids • Exceedance of the AMEL for settleable solids 	\$15,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Douglas Emmett 2008, LLC/ Beverly Hills	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for copper 	\$18,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Donald T. Sterling Corporation/ Los Angeles	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for ammonia • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for ammonia • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for temperature • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD • Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for pH 	\$33,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Westmount Oasis HOA c/o Spectra Associates/ West Hollywood	MMP for an exceedance of the MDEL for PCE.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Douglas Emmett 1997, LLC/ Los Angeles	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • Exceedance of the AMEL for copper 	\$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Water Replenishment District/	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for perchlorate • Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD 	\$12,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	639 La Peer, LLC/ West Hollywood	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late 2nd Quarter 2022 SMR was due on 8/14/2022 and was submitted 74 days late on 10/27/2022. 	\$57,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late 3rd Quarter 2022 SMR was due on 11/14/2022 and was submitted 297 days late on 9/7/2023. • Late 2nd Quarter 2023 SMR was due on 8/14/2023 and was submitted 245 days late on 4/15/2024. 		
4	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc./ Vernon	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the MDEL for selenium • Exceedance of the MDEL for zinc • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TCDD) 	\$12,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	8833 Cynthia, LLC/ West Hollywood	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD • Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD 	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	960 North Doheny Homeowners Association/ West	MMP for exceedance of the MDEL for oil and grease	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/20/2025
4	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority/ Los Angeles	MMP for exceedance of the MDEL for PCE	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/20/2025
5R	American Valley CSD/ Quincy	MMPs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 exceedances of the 1-hour maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine • 4 exceedances of the 4-day maximum for total residual chlorine • 3 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform • 14 exceedances of the AMEL for copper • 7 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 4 exceedances of the percent survival effluent limit for acute toxicity 	\$264,000 (MMP – all to compliance project (CP))	2/21/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for BOD • Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS • Exceedance of the AWEL for TSS • Exceedance of the percent removal effluent limit for TSS • 12 exceedances of the AWEL for ammonia • 12 exceedances of the AMEL for ammonia • Exceedance of the instantaneous minimum effluent limit for pH 		

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
2	Z-Con Specialty Service, Inc./ San Jose	13267 requirement for a Polychlorinated Biphenyls investigation workplan for the property located at 1645 Old Bayshore Highway in San Jose.	2/6/2025
2	Meadowood Resort/ St. Helena	13267 order requires technical reports related to a new wastewater treatment system design and other technical information necessary to issue updated waste discharge requirements for the wastewater treatment system at Meadowood Resort, located at 900 Meadowood Lane in Saint Helena.	2/21/2025
4	Dhandra Development/ Chatsworth	13267 Directive to submit a report calculated the amount from the stormwater discharges from Dhandra Development on January 2-5, January 9-10, February 23 - March 1, August 20-21, and December 19-22, 2023.	2/20/2025
5S	Western Placer Waste Management Authority/ Roseville	13267 Order requiring technical reports, investigation, and sitework at the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill in Roseville.	2/14/2025
8	Adams Iron Co Inc/ Santa Ana	13383 Order for failure to submit a WQBCA plan addressing sampling results above the NELs in the 2023-2024 reporting year.	2/19/2025

8	Corporate Ewaste Solutions/ Brea	13383 Order for failure to submit a WQBCA plan addressing sampling results above the NELs in the 2023-2024 reporting year.	2/19/2025
8	Universal Molding Company Fullerton/ Fullerton	13383 Order for failure to submit a WQBCA plan addressing sampling results above the NELs in the 2023-2024 reporting year. (Extension granted until 04/03/25)	2/19/2025
9	U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission/ San Diego	13267 Directive related to non-compliance at Hollister Street Pump Station and the Goat Canyon and Smuggler's Gulch Canyon Collectors.	2/18/2025

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
6T	David and Kathleen Barnett, CAD Enterprises, Inc., CAMCO, B O T, 65 Inc., and Lightnin II, Inc./ South Lake Tahoe	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R6-2025-0006 requiring the submittal of technical reports including a conceptual site model, investigation work plan, risk assessment, and remedial actions for the former Big O Tires located at 1961 Lake Tahoe Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe.	2/28/2025
6T	Trestle South Tahoe LLC Et. Al./ South Lake Tahoe	CAO R6-2025-0005 requiring the submittal of technical reports including a conceptual site model, investigation work plan, risk assessment, and remedial actions for the former Norma's Cleaners located at 961 Emerald Bay Road in South Lake Tahoe.	2/28/2025

Other Enforcement Actions Taken

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	4	5S	53
2	7	6T	2
3	0	6V	1
4	77	7	0
5F	15	8	28
5R	3	9	37

OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS and the CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

National Monitoring Conference

Anna Holder, the Office of Information Management and Analysis' (OIMA) Open Data Science, Equity, and Tribal Coordinator, attended the [14th National Monitoring Conference](#) in March 2025 to share how the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) has been working to operationalize equity into their programs. Anna joined a panel to highlight the [SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program's Realignment Process](#) and [Tribally-centered Training Series](#) as examples of how the Program has been working to operationalize open science and equity principles and practices into all aspects of the Program, including how we monitor, engage, and communicate with our monitoring partners, Tribal governments, communities and the public. Although the panel discussion will not be accessible publicly, Anna developed publicly accessible [slides](#) and a [recording](#) that provide detail about the aforementioned efforts and cover many points covered during the panel discussion.

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

The response rate for the January 2025 Urban Water Conservation Report is 89% as of the writing of this report (360 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 121 billion gallons (371 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide R-GPCD for January 2025 is 72 GPCD.

We received 96 water waste reports through the [Save Water](#) site.

International Collaboration

Interested parties may now [register](#) for “[Global Strategies, Local Action: A Danish-Californian dialogue on Water Efficiency and Loss Prevention](#).” The event is being co-hosted by the California State Water Resources Control Board, the Danish Water Technology Alliance, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP), and the California-Nevada Section of AWWA (CA-NV AWWA).

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of March 10, 2025)

The State Water Board is considering whether to grant review of the following current active petitions for review of regional water quality control board actions or failures to act in accordance with Water Code section 13320. These petitions for review will be dismissed by operation of law if (1) the State Water Board does not issue a letter granting review or (2) the State Water Board does not receive a written request from the petitioner that the petition be held in abeyance, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the corresponding deadline. Any exhibits identified in the petitions are available upon request by emailing waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov.

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
A-2895	Petition of Olivia Yutang Liu for Review of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R9-2024-0205 for Assessor Parcel No. 197-100-02-00, San Diego County; Issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board	01/10/2025	4/10/2025
A-2898(a)	Petition of Guhn Y. Kim, Yun Soon Kim and The Kim Family Trust of 2017 for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2025-0014 for 1654 and 1718 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, San Diego County; Issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board	2/4/2025	5/5/2025
A-2898(b)	Petition of M & E Brothers, LLC and Flor de Lys Barawid for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2025-0014 for 1654 and 1718 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, San Diego County; Issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board	2/21/2025	5/22/2025

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
(Submits Quarterly)

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(Submits Quarterly)

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

Appendix A

March 2025

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of February 2025. This update also covers the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) compliance and outreach activities from January 1 to February 28, 2025 and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board) semi-annual update on the development of the alternative water supply program. Next month's report will present activities from the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards from February 1 to March 31, 2025.

State Water Board staff executed the contract to convene an expert panel, as discussed in Order No. WQ 2023-0081, *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040*. The finalized questions for the expert panel, a general response to public comments, and an analysis on available ILRP data is posted to the [Agriculture](#) webpage.

Staff continued coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) contractor on the [CDFA regulatory alignment study](#). By November 2025, a report will be presented detailing the final regulatory alignment recommendations.

Central Valley Water Board staff provides regular bimonthly updates on compliance and outreach accomplishments and other key activities. The following table provides summary information on Central Valley Water Board's Irrigated Lands compliance and outreach activities. Outreach activity descriptions are provided in detail below the table. More information can be found in the Central Valley Water Board's [Executive Officer's Reports website](#). The start date for the first 4 items of the table is January 1, 2025. The end date for all items is February 28, 2025.

Outreach Activity Type	Number
On-Farm Inspections	3
Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMPSR)	15
Outreach Postcards	1776
Outreach Package to Non-filers	37
Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled	14,184
Drinking Water Well Samples	25,343

Notifications Required	4,484
Notifications Received	4,442

On-Farm Inspections – Inspections performed at coalition-enrolled farms to discuss water quality-related issues with growers. These inspections include staff review of the farm evaluations, irrigation and nitrogen management plans and sediment and erosion control plans. Central Valley Water Board staff inspect the site conditions, including potential discharge points to surface waters, pollution management practices, chemical storage and handling areas, and wellhead protection practices.

Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMPSR) – Sent to members who did not respond to the reminder letter for submitting their annual Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Outreach Postcard to Non-filers – Sent to owners of parcels who could potentially be irrigating a commercial crop and have not enrolled in the ILRP. This is a cost-effective way to provide information on how to enroll in the ILRP.

Outreach Package to Non-filers – Sent to owners of parcels who could potentially be irrigating a commercial crop and have not enrolled in the ILRP. Information on the ILRP and Drinking Water Well Monitoring Program is provided in the outreach package.

Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled – Number of on-farm drinking water wells that have been sampled, as required by Order No. WQ-2018-0002.

Drinking Water Well Samples – Number of drinking water well samples collected and reported in GeoTracker. Often, more than one sample is collected per well.

Notifications Required – Number of members required to notify users and Central Valley Water Board that their drinking water well samples exceeded the drinking water standard.

Notifications Received – Number of notification responses received from members whose drinking water well sample results exceeded the nitrate drinking water standard.

Indicated Only Member or Family User – Number of wells with samples exceeding the nitrate drinking water standard where the grower or grower's immediate family is the only user(s) of the well, precluding the grower from indicating if replacement water was provided.

Indicated Replacement Water Provided – Number of notification responses received indicating replacement water is provided. Note that growers are not required to indicate if replacement water is provided; therefore, this may not accurately reflect the number of people receiving replacement water.

Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water – Number of wells potentially needing replacement water for users beyond immediate family

members. This was calculated by subtracting the combination of “Indicated Only Member or Family User” and “Indicated Replacement Water Provided” from the total number of “Notifications Required”.

Additional program information can be found at the [Central Valley Regional Board ILRP website](#).

Central Coast Water Board’s Regional Alternative Water Supply Program Development Semi-Annual Update

On September 20, 2023, the State Water Board adopted [Order WQ 2023-0081](#),² *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order R3-2021-0040* (Remands Order). The Remands Order directs the Central Coast Water Board to develop an alternative water supply program for residents in the Central Coast Region relying on groundwater in areas where the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate is exceeded as a result of agricultural operations. The Remands Order also directs the Central Coast Water Board to consider experience gained through other similar programs in the state, to coordinate with representatives of impacted communities, environmental justice organizations, and others in developing the alternative water supply (AWS) program, and to provide a semi-annual update to the State Water Board summarizing progress made to develop this region-wide alternative water supply program. This is the third semi-annual report.

The Central Coast Water Board staff provided semi-annual updates in the April and October 2024 Executive Director’s Reports and summarized actions taken up to September 1, 2024. This third update includes actions taken between September 1, 2024, and February 28, 2025, to implement the direction of the Remands Order. Central Coast Water Board staff:

- Developed a draft Central Coast need and cost assessment report to evaluate the number of domestic wells and drinking water systems reliant on groundwater that exceeds the MCL for nitrate as a result of agricultural activities. This assessment was developed using data and methodologies from the [2024 Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Needs Assessment](#)³ and was tailored to be specific to the needs of the Central Coast Water Board’s region and the directive given in the Remands Order. The assessment report has been internally reviewed by Central Coast Water Board senior management and staff from the State Water Board’s SAFER program to ensure the State Water Boards’ methodology was applied correctly. However, additional work is needed to fully estimate the costs of long-term solutions because of the complexity in identifying the range of possible long-term solutions and associated costs and because the State Water Boards’ methodology does not consider the costs of site-specific solutions for a failing system. As such, the Central Coast Water

² https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/docs/2023/wqo2023-0081.pdf

³ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/needs.html

Board will further refine their assessment, limiting it to the cost of interim solutions before releasing it for public comment while continuing to evaluate the range of possible long-term solutions and the associated estimated costs.

- Held an AWS kickoff meeting on December 5, 2024, with representatives of both the agricultural and environmental justice communities. At the kickoff meeting, Central Coast Water Board staff presented high-level concepts of a possible AWS regulatory framework. This preliminary framework was informed by recommendations submitted prior to the meeting from both the agricultural and environmental justice representatives.
- Subsequently held separate focused meetings with the environmental justice and agricultural representatives to discuss the AWS program conceptual framework and receive feedback on the proposed approach. To date, there have been three focused discussion meetings with the environmental justice representatives and three focused discussion meetings with the agricultural representatives. A fourth meeting with the environmental justice representatives is scheduled for April 8, 2025. Additional meetings with representatives from the environmental justice and agricultural communities will likely occur at least through the summer of 2025. Once these focused meetings are completed, and a proposed program structure has been negotiated, broader public engagement will begin with potential program benefactors, the regulated community, and the public at large.
- Held two meetings with State Water Board Executive Management and Office of Chief Counsel. Those meetings covered the specific direction in the Remands Order, proposed concepts for the AWS, discussions with environmental justice and agricultural representatives, and State Water Board staff feedback on the proposed approach. Meetings were held in December 2024 and January 2025.
- Held five coordination meetings with outside parties to gather information, discuss lessons learned from other alternative water supply program implementation efforts, and discuss new ideas for and interest in developing and implementing a Central Coast region-wide alternative water supply program. These meetings included representatives of Central Coast Water Quality Preservation Inc., Valley Water Collaborative, Monterey Waterkeeper, Environmental Law Foundation, Community Water Center, Santa Cruz County Health Department staff that are implementing a SAFER grant, and Stantec.
- Organized 24 coordination meetings with internal state and regional Water Board staff regarding approaches under consideration and previously used to fund, structure, and implement an alternative water supply program. These meetings included discussions with individual members of the Central Coast Water Board and State Water Board Executive Management; staff at the

Office of Chief Counsel and Office of Enforcement; State Water Board staff in the Division of Drinking Water, Division of Financial Assistance, and Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs; and staff from the Central Valley Regional Water Board that implement the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) Program.

- Provided the Central Coast Water Board with an update on the status of the AWS Program development at the December 12, 2024, Board meeting.

A summary of actions taken to develop the AWS prior to September 1, 2024, is as follows:

- Hired a Senior Engineering Geologist (Specialist), starting on September 2, 2024, who is leading efforts to coordinate with key stakeholders and develop the Central Coast Region's AWS Program.
- Organized 26 coordination meetings with outside parties to gather information, discuss lessons learned from other alternative water supply program implementation efforts, and discuss new ideas regarding developing and implementing a Central Coast region-wide alternative water supply program.
- Organized 40 coordination meetings with internal partners regarding approaches under consideration and previously used to fund, structure, and implement an alternative water supply program.

Central Coast Water Board staff are also working to identify and leverage existing domestic well testing and alternative water supply programs efforts in the region, including the following:

- The [Central Coast Drinking Water Well Testing Program](http://www.centralcoastwelltesting.org/)⁴ has provided free drinking water well testing for over 500 domestic wells and small water systems since October 2018, in coordination with the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay. Central Coast Water Board staff are currently coordinating with the County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Division's staff to identify wells that would benefit from water quality testing.
- The [Central Coast Regional Bottled Water Program](https://sites.google.com/communitywatercenter.org/central-coast-regional-bottled/about)⁵ has been providing a bottled water delivery service program since October 2019 for eligible low income households whose drinking water wells exceed MCLs. Since October 2019, the Community Water Center has implemented the program with grant funds from the SAFER Program. The program is currently providing bottled water to 481 households in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. Of those 481 households, 348 are being provided with bottled water due to exceedance of the nitrate MCL.

⁴ <http://www.centralcoastwelltesting.org/>

⁵ <https://sites.google.com/communitywatercenter.org/central-coast-regional-bottled/about>

- The [Central Coast Community-Based Water Quality Grants Program](https://rosefdn.org/central-coast-community-based-water-quality-grants-program/)⁶ was established on April 22, 2022 (see Resolution [R3-2022-0015](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/2022/r3-2022-0015.pdf))⁷ to support projects that address the human right to water and environmental justice issues and/or provide water quality benefits to underrepresented communities. The Central Coast Water Board allocated \$1.2 million of PG&E settlement funds to the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment for the purpose of developing this grants program.

Additional information on many of the above mentioned Central Coast Water Board programs are available in the Central Coast Water Board's February 2024 annual Board update on Environmental Justice, Racial Equity, and Tribal Affairs (see program summaries in the [Staff Report, Attachment 1](#)).⁸

The Central Coast Water Board plans to continue efforts to gather information to inform the development of a voluntary agreement with dischargers and a regulatory framework for the AWS Program, options for collecting and managing discharger fees, and opportunities to leverage SAFER funds and existing replacement water and community-based outreach programs in the region. Staff will also continue to identify and develop collaborative relationships with organizations that can implement various aspects of this AWS Program.

⁶ <https://rosefdn.org/central-coast-community-based-water-quality-grants-program/>

⁷ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/2022/r3-2022-0015.pdf

⁸ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2024/feb/item09_att1.pdf

CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM

Appendix B

April 2025

This Water Boards' Cannabis Cultivation Program (Cannabis Cultivation Program or Program) update provides a summary of significant actions and achievements accomplished by the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality, Division of Water Rights, Office of Enforcement, and nine Regional Water Board staff (collectively referred to as the Water Boards) since the October 2024 report as well as a retrospective of the 2024 calendar year. Additional information on the Cannabis Cultivation Program, including the [Cannabis Cultivation Policy – Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation](#) (Cannabis Policy), [General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities](#) (Cannabis Cultivation General Order), Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration (SIUR), and enforcement efforts, is available on the [Water Board's Cannabis Cultivation Program webpage](#).

WATER BOARDS' CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM

State Water Board Items

On April 12, 2024, the Executive Director of the State Water Board renewed the [General Water Quality Certification for Activities Complying with the Cannabis Cultivation Policy](#) pursuant to California Water Code section 13160 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3861. The general certification was originally adopted by the State Water Board as a component of the Cannabis Policy and expired five years from its effective date (April 16, 2024). Additional information on the general certification is available on the [Water Boards Cannabis Cultivation website](#).

Enrollment

Each year, the Regional Boards, State Board Divisions, and Office of Enforcement, set their respective goals for the Program-wide metrics and select priority watersheds to focus enforcement efforts. The statewide 2024 goal for new enrollments in the Cannabis Cultivation General Order (CGO) was 150. This goal was exceeded with 240 new applications issued in 2024. This is a slight increase from the 200 enrollments issued in 2023. Despite this year's slight increase, enrollment in the CGO continues to trend downward, which is consistent with media reports of the struggling legal market. Due to administrative terminations of multi-year delinquent fee payers and enrollee-initiated terminations, enrollment in the CGO declined in 2024 by approximately 500. Currently, the Cannabis Cultivation General Order has approximately 4,400 enrollees. Overall enrollment in the CGO will likely continue to trend downward until the legal cannabis cultivation market stabilizes.

Annual fees directly fund staffing resources. Historically, revenue projections were based on the number of enrollees without consideration of whether enrollment fees were being paid. The high number of CGO enrollees who have multiple years of unpaid annual invoices, however, has resulted in over-projected revenue and further exacerbated revenue shortfalls. In 2024, the Program continued its efforts to align projected and actual revenue and administratively terminated approximately 550 enrollments for failure to pay multiple annual invoices.

The number of new Small Irrigation Use Registrations (SIURs) in 2024 was less than expected. The statewide 2024 goal for certifying new SIUR enrollments by the Division of Water Rights was 10 (Table 2). The Division of Water Rights issued only 3 new SIURs in 2024. The Division of Water Right's statewide goal for new SIUR enrollments in 2025 remains at 10 (Table 3) as the Division has approximately 20 enrollments pending and is exploring ways to expedite new enrollments in the SIUR program. As of February 1, 2025, there are 530 total Cannabis SUIRs which is a decrease of around 100 registrations in 2024.

Enforcement

The Program continues to focus on enforcement of unregulated cannabis cultivation due to the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts from such sites. Inspections on unregulated cannabis sites require a search warrant that is executed by law enforcement. Accordingly, the Water Boards are dependent upon partner agencies for access to these inspections. Inspections serve as a primary source of evidence for documenting environmental harm resulting from non-compliance with regulatory protections, help facilitate enrollment in our regulatory programs when applicable and serve as a deterrent for illegal cultivation. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, in 2024, the Program exceeded its goal of conducting 296 inspections on unregulated sites with a total of 350 inspections for the year. In 2025, the Program aims to conduct 191 inspections on unregulated cultivation sites (Table 3). This significant decrease is both attributable to staffing changes within the Program as well as the Division of Water Rights focus on formal enforcement cases still pending from 2024.

In addition to having an effective enforcement presence in the field, it is equally important to have timely inspection reports issued. Inspection reports document the conditions on the site including violations of applicable regulations and resulting harm. The quicker staff can produce inspection reports, the sooner the violations can be addressed through either enforcement compliance or escalated enforcement. For these reasons, the Program prioritized issuing all inspection reports within 30 days of each inspection. In 2024, the Program issued about 70 percent of all inspection reports within 30 days of the inspection and will strive to make further improvements to this performance metric in 2025.

In some cases, formal enforcement is not necessary to resolve violations and compliance is achieved more quickly and efficiently through informal enforcement. Formal enforcement is very resource intensive and is not always viable. However, when the Water Boards encounter egregious violations and/or are unable to attain compliance with informal effort then formal enforcement is utilized. In 2024, the Water Boards issued 19 formal enforcement actions, including Cleanup and Abatement orders (CAO), Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) complaints and orders, and Cease and Desist orders (CDO), but fell short of our goal of bringing at least 25 enforcement actions against non-compliant and/or egregious violators (Tables 1-2). The North Coast Water Board issued 6 CAOs⁸; the Central Valley Water Board issued 2 CAOs; and the San Diego Water Board issued 1 ACL complaint and 1 ACL order. The Division of Water Rights issued 4 ACL Complaints, 3 ACL Orders, 2 settlements (combined CDO and ACL orders) and supported 3 criminal case prosecutions by the District Attorney's Offices in Humboldt and Yuba County. The Division of Water Rights also issued 16 Information Orders to illegal cannabis cultivators to obtain their cannabis water use information and provide them with information for complying with the Order as well as underlying information for the action, namely California Endangered Species population decline of the Clear Lake Hitch. The goal for 2025 is 30 formal enforcement actions.

As part of the Program's enforcement efforts, there were several noteworthy accomplishments in 2024:

The North Coast Water Board and Division of Water Rights, working with the Office of Enforcement, received a favorable outcome in a long-running case. On

January 23, 2024, a Humboldt County Superior Court judge approved a judgement that settles environmental violations documented by the Water Boards and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The judgement requires Mr. Joshua Sweet, Shadow Light Ranch LLC, and the Hills LLC to pay \$1.75 million for building and diverting water from three illegal onstream reservoirs without first obtaining permits. The judgement orders Mr. Sweet to remove the three reservoirs, perform stream restoration and revegetation, conduct stream monitoring, improve or add stream crossings, and records an easement on seven properties to prevent further development. The Water Boards and California Department of Fish and Wildlife [joint agency settlement press release](#) is available online with more details.

On December 11, 2024, the San Diego Regional Water Board adopted a civil liability order imposing a penalty of approximately \$409k for repeatedly disregarding required actions and deadlines imposed under a Cleanup and Abatement Order to resolve ongoing waste discharge violations at a 38-acre property near Anza Borrego State Park. It was the first cannabis case that the San Diego Board has heard. The [Press release](#) is available online with more details.

In 2024, the San Diego Water Board also celebrated a successful cleanup of a CAO issued in 2022 to Rodney and Jane Pimentel for unauthorized discharges related to cannabis cultivation. On August 30, 2024, the discharger completed the approved cleanup and restoration activities, which included excavation and disposal of impacted soil from the property and backfill with clean material. A letter issued by the Executive Officer on January 10, 2025, confirmed completion of the investigation and cleanup activities at the property, and no further action related to waste discharges associated with cannabis cultivation at the site is required.

Also worth noting is a new innovative plan in the North Coast. On December 5, 2024, North Coast Water Board staff brought to their Board an informational item during a Board Meeting, to seek input from the Board and the public on staff's proposed changes to its cannabis enforcement strategy. The enforcement strategy summarized significant challenges to deterring illegal cannabis cultivation activities that impact water quality and described an approach to mitigate these challenges and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of enforcement actions in the Program by using alternative enforcement tools and processes. The strategy includes: (1) conducting expedited enforcement where cultivation is unregulated; (2) issuing Time Schedule Orders, if appropriate, when a cultivator has violated an existing enforcement order; (3) terminating enrollment for cause; and (4) continuing to conduct enrollment enforcement only in permissive counties. The full summary of the [North Coast enforcement strategy](#) is available online.

In addition to our administrative enforcement, significant coordination with many of the counties throughout the state is currently underway resulting in an increased number of requests by local prosecutors for Water Board staff assistance with their criminal prosecutions. Several training courses have been held, spearheaded by CalEPA, to inform local law enforcement of Water Code violations that can be pursued by local prosecutors. The most recent training was held in Orange County on January 21 and 22, 2025. Program staff have also assisted with the development of guidance documents for local prosecutors that describe Water Code violations that can be pursued as criminal charges against cultivators for illegal cannabis cultivation. Water Board staff work with local prosecutors by reviewing supporting documentation and/or observations obtained during inspections, providing direct testimony at preliminary hearings or through interviews with law enforcement to be submitted during preliminary hearings, and by providing testimony at trial.

Outreach

As shown in Tables 1 and 2 below, in 2024, Program staff participated in 14 events, most of which were conducted by Central Valley Water Board falling short of the goal of 24 events. The Program's outreach participation goal for 2025, is 19 events. Table 4 shows the coordinated public outreach events in 2024.

Conclusion

Currently about 2,300 acres of cannabis cultivation are permitted under the Water Board's Cannabis Cultivation General Order. In 2024, about 240 new cannabis sites were permitted. These efforts represent enrollment of cannabis cultivation sites that through implementation of the Cannabis Cultivation General Order and SIUR will ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that associated discharges and water diversion do not adversely affect the quality and beneficial uses of the waters of the state. Additionally, about 250 illegal cultivation sites that were in violation of those protective measures, are being addressed.

Table 1 – Cannabis Cultivation Metrics Reported for Regional Water Boards (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024)

		Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Regions 4,8,9		Region 5		Regions 6,7	
Measure		Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal
Illegal Sites	Directive to Enroll ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0
	Enforcement ²	4	4	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	1
	Inspections ³	71	40	1	2	6	10	47	50	62	40	20	12
Inspection Reports	Issued > 30 Days	12	-	0	-	2	-	31	-	11	-	8	-
	Issued ≤ 30 Days	78	40	2	4	4	10	8	50	46	40	26	12
New Enrollments ⁴		93	30	32	10	13	10	19	25	58	50	24	25
Outreach Events ⁵		2	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	10	12	0	0

¹ Directive to Enroll: 13260 Letters

² Enforcement: Administrative Civil Liability, Cleanup and Abatement Orders, or Cease and Desist Orders issued to unregulated cultivation sites

³ Inspections: Performed on unregulated cultivation sites

⁴ New Enrollments: Cannabis Cultivation General Order 2023-0102-DWQ (Water Quality)

⁵ Events attended or hosted by program staff to train and inform other agency staff and/or the public on cannabis related information including but not limited to the Cannabis Policy, Cannabis Cultivation General Order, and Cannabis SIUR

Table 2 – Cannabis Cultivation Programs Metrics Reported for State Water Board (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024)

		Division of Water Quality (DWQ)		Division of Water Rights (DWR)		Office of Enforcement (OE)		Program Summary (Tables 1&2)	
Measure		Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actuals Total	Goals Total
Illegal Sites	Directive to Enroll ¹	-	-	93	100	15	14	108	134
	Enforcement ²	-	-	11	15	0	2	19	25
	Inspections ³	-	-	113	100	30	42	350	296
Inspection Reports	Issued > 30 Days	-	-	48	-	14	-	126	-
	Issued ≤ 30 Days	-	-	65	100	10	42	239	298
New Enrollments ⁴		-	-	3	10	-	-	242	160
Outreach Events ⁵		1	2	0	3	0	1	14	24

¹ Directive to Enroll: 13260 Letters (Water Quality) and Notices of Violation (Water Rights)

² Enforcement: Cleanup and Abatement Orders (Water Quality), Cease and Desist Orders, or Administrative Civil Liability Complaints and Orders issued to unregulated cultivation sites

³ Inspections: Performed on unregulated cultivation sites

⁴ New Enrollments: Small Irrigation Use Registrations (Water Rights)

⁵ Events attended or hosted by program staff to train and inform other agency staff and/or the public on cannabis related information including but not limited to the Cannabis Policy, Cannabis Cultivation General Order, and Cannabis SIUR

Table 3- Cannabis Cultivation Program Metric Goals 2025 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

		Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Regions 4,8,9	Region 5	Regions 6,7	DWQ	DWR	OE	Goals Total
Measure		Goal	Goal	Goal	Goal	Goal	Goal	Goal	Goal	Goal	
Illegal Sites	Directive to Enroll ¹	0	0	0	0	12	0	-	40	0	52
	Enforcement ²	8	0	0	2	4	0	-	15	1	30
	Inspections ³	40	2	7	50	30	0	-	50	12	191
Inspection Reports	Issued > 30 Days	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Issued ≤ 30 Days	32	2	7	50	30	0	-	50	12	183
New Enrollments ⁴		30	10	10	15	25	20	-	10		120
Outreach Events ⁵		1	0	0	3	10	0	2	2	1	19

¹ Directive to Enroll: 13260 Letters (Water Quality) and Notice of Violation (Water Rights)

² Enforcement: Cleanup and Abatement Orders (Water Quality), Cease and Desist Orders, or Administrative Civil Liability Complaints and Orders issued to unregulated cultivation sites

³ Inspections: Performed on unregulated cultivation sites

⁴ New Enrollments: Cannabis Cultivation General Order 2023-0102-DWQ (Water Quality), Small Irrigation Use Registrations (Water Rights)

⁵ Events attended or hosted by program staff to train and inform other agency staff and/or the public on cannabis related information including but not limited to the Cannabis Policy, Cannabis Cultivation General Order, and Cannabis SIUR

Table 4 - COORDINATED PUBLIC OUTREACH – CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM¹ (January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024)

Date and Location	Event Details	Participating Agencies
Thursday, January 25, 2024	Annual Monitoring and Reporting	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, February 22, 2024 Redding	Central Valley Waterboard, Indoor Cultivation	Central Valley Water Board
Monday, March 18, 2024 San Diego, CA	AEHS - West: 33rd Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air Estimated Attendance: 700	South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit
Thursday, March 28, 2024 Redding	Central Valley Waterboard Site Development	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, April 04, 2024 Arcata	Cal Poly Humboldt Cannabis Environmental Stewardship Symposium	North Coast Water Board
Thursday, April 25, 2024 Redding	Site Development	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, May 30, 2024 Redding	Central Valley Water Board Road Design	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, August 29, 2024 Redding	Cannabis General Order and Cannabis Policy	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, September 26, 2024 Redding	Central Valley Water Board, 13260 and Enforcement Process	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, October 24, 2024 Redding	Central Valley Water Board, Winterization	Central Valley Water Board
Thursday, November 21, 2024 Redding	Termination and Change of Information Workshop	Central Valley Water Board

This table represents public outreach. Staff from the Regional Water Boards, Division of Water Rights, Division of Water Quality, and Office of Enforcement coordinate closely throughout the state with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Cannabis Control, and counties on enforcement efforts but these ongoing coordination efforts are not included as Program metrics and therefore not included in this table.